

Once again, I congratulate Campbell Stewart for his achievement and for being part of the National Youth Orchestra at Carnegie Hall. His unwavering dedication and commitment to the world of music does not go unnoticed.

CELEBRATING LOU-ANN PREBLE

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the remarkable life and achievements of Lou-Ann Preble. Born in 1929 in South Carolina, Lou-Ann's life has been nothing short of inspiring.

After completing her high school education, Lou-Ann went on to become a registered nurse, where she met William Preble, a young Air Force pilot stationed at the nearby Shaw Air Force Base.

As Bill's Air Force career took off, Lou-Ann raised their 11 children, creating a warm and loving home wherever they were stationed.

Upon retiring in Tucson, Arizona, Bill and Lou-Ann did not slow down. Instead, they immersed themselves in their community and church, embodying the spirit of service that defined their lives.

In 1992, Lou-Ann Preble was elected to the Arizona House, where she served until 2001. Her passion for healthcare and a commitment to the unique health challenges faced by those living in rural areas of Arizona set her apart from anyone else.

As the vice chair of the Arizona House Health Committee, Lou-Ann played a huge role in the creation of the Rural Health Committee.

Lou-Ann partnered with the University of Arizona Health Center and Dr. Ronald Weinstein to create two programs, the Arizona Telemedicine Program and the Rural Health Professions Program. The ATP connected remote and prison clinics with healthcare professionals at the UofA, revolutionizing healthcare access for those in underserved areas. The Rural Health Professions Program sought to address the shortage of physicians in smaller communities by establishing rotations for medical students throughout various Arizona locales.

Today, Lou-Ann Preble enjoys a well-deserved retirement in Tucson, surrounded by the love and warmth of her children.

I thank Lou-Ann Preble for her tireless service throughout her life. It has been an honor for me to know her and to be able to call her a friend and an inspiration, as well. God bless her.

CONGRATULATING NAMI OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Southern Arizona as they mark four decades in operation.

NAMI of Southern Arizona was founded in 1983 to focus on bringing awareness to mental health while providing invaluable assistance to individuals struggling with their mental health. Their mission is to educate and support anyone affected by mental illness.

In February 2021, a staggering 40 percent of Arizonans reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety or depression, with 27 percent unable to access the help they needed. On a bigger scale, one in five people across the United States face challenges to their mental health.

NAMI provides an array of support groups in both English and Spanish that focus on almost every area of mental health, from postpartum depression to teen and adolescent concerns.

NAMI of Southern Arizona has been a beacon of hope, helping individuals in managing their mental health effectively. We need more nonprofit organizations like this in the world. The impact of NAMI's efforts over the past four decades is truly remarkable. I am honored to highlight all the good work they do to help our community thrive today.

CONGRATULATING PHYLLIS SMITH

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I have been told that service is the rent that we pay for living in a free and democratic society.

Such has been the life and the legacy of Ms. Phyllis Smith, regional commissioner of Social Security for Region 5, who is retiring after 45 years of service with the agency.

Commissioner Smith has worked with thousands of individual clients, and her supervisory and leadership roles have placed her in positions to positively impact the lives of thousands of others.

Commissioner Smith started work for Social Security in 1978 as a title 16 claims representative in the Chicago East Field Office. She stated that her initial plan was to work with SSA until she could decide what her long-term work plans were. She stated and has written that, "When I saw firsthand the impact of SSA on people's lives, the fact that we are the country's financial safety net, and my hardworking, dedicated, compassionate co-workers, I was hooked," and she was. As a matter of fact, she moved through the ranks to become the regional commissioner.

If you can imagine working 45 years for one agency, you come in contact with many clients, and she also had a great impact on improving and enhancing the quality of life for thousands of individuals.

Commissioner, you have done exceptionally well. You have done your job—more than your job. You have given unselfishly of yourself for the benefit of others.

I commend you for your outstanding career, and as you leave, I ask that you take with you an Irish prayer. It says: May the sun shine warmly upon your face. May the wind always be at your back. And until we meet again, may

the good Lord hold you in the hollow of his hands.

Congratulations. It is time. You have done well.

HONORING CHARLES STEWART

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CISCOMANI). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Charles "Charley" Stewart, who passed away this past October in Brunswick, Georgia.

Charley was born here in Washington, D.C., where his life of service began. He spent time here working in the National Science Foundation.

After college, he joined the Air Force Reserve and was based at Andrews Air Force Base, where he achieved the rank of sergeant.

Charley eventually moved down to St. Simons Island in 1975, where he continued his military service in the Air National Guard and achieved the rank of master sergeant.

In addition to his service in the military, Charley also served his community through time in government. Charley served as the finance director for Glynn County, and he served as a Glynn County administrator for a combined two decades.

Charley will be remembered for his life of service. Whether it was the country, community, or his family, he always put others first. He is an example we should all strive to emulate.

CELEBRATING RON ADAMS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of my friend Ron Adams. Ron is retiring after a fruitful career as clerk of Glynn County Superior and Magistrate Courts.

When Adams first took office back in 2017, it was a very difficult time for the courts as a former clerk had stolen more than \$1 million. Ron ensured that the court continued to operate smoothly under his leadership while efforts to secure the money were made.

Throughout his career, he overcame challenges, including the high-profile Ahmaud Arbery murder case.

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Adams' hard work made sure that this very emotional case could proceed smoothly and effectively.

Adams' dedication and loyalty to his community will continue to serve as a blueprint on how to be an effective clerk, a position that is essential to our justice system's success.

I congratulate Ron on his achievements and on his recent retirement.

COMMEMORATING WADE BENSON ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Wade Benson as he retires after 27 years as a Young Harris College chief financial officer.

Wade began at Young Harris College in 1986, coming to the college as an

auditor with his father's accounting firm. He joined the Young Harris College administration in 1996 and has had various titles, including business manager, vice president for finance, chief financial officer, and board treasurer.

The business office at Young Harris has been renamed The Benson Business Center in honor of Wade's career and service to the institution.

Wade oversaw a number of areas in the institution and acted as his project manager for the many construction projects on campus. He balanced operating budgets, reconciled financial statements, and always worked with integrity and accuracy.

Wade Benson was the go-to person, but most importantly, Wade exhibited a true love for the college, its staff, faculty and students, and always performed his duties in the best long-term interest of these constituents.

I congratulate Wade on a great career. Enjoy your retirement.

RECOGNIZING GLYNN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the recent success of the Glynn County School System.

Glynn County's graduation rate has increased from 95.2 percent in 2022 to 96.5 percent this year. This is much higher than our State-wide average of 84.4 percent.

This improvement is not a fluke either. Glynn County is focused on tailored school improvement plans for individual schools and broad-based foundational structure changes to address the needs for all students.

None of these changes could have been implemented without the help of individual teachers, students, and administrators throughout Glynn County.

I am very proud of Glynn County's achievements, and I look forward to seeing continued improvement.

PREVENTING OVERDOSE DEATHS WITH EDUCATION AND TOOLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. CRAIG) for 5 minutes.

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, too many American families know the immense heartbreak of losing a loved one to an overdose, but overdose deaths are preventable, and we have a responsibility to do everything we can in this body to save lives.

That is why I introduced my bill, the bipartisan RECONNECTIONS Act, to get overdose education and prevention tools like naloxone into the hands of all of those who need it and to ensure that the opioid crisis is treated like the public health crisis it truly is.

I am proud that my colleagues have recognized the urgent need to expand access to these lifesaving overdose prevention resources, but we must continue our bipartisan work to keep our community safe.

Mr. Speaker, I thank so much my mental health and substance use advi-

sory council, a group of law enforcement officers, educators, parents and community members who I work with regularly to find ways to address the opioid crisis in our home communities and across this great country.

Your stories, and especially the memories of your loved ones, that you have shared with me over the years have truly touched my heart. It is these stories and memories that have informed the policies that we champion here and are at the top of my mind as this bill stands on the House floor today.

Thank you for your tireless drive and dedication. You are helping to make our community safer.

We have so much more work ahead of us as a community in Minnesota 2 and as a Nation. If it helps to save just one life, it is worth doing the work.

Thank you to the Members who are coming together on both sides of the aisle today to support this important bill.

RECOGNIZING JAGO ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 9 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH UNIVERSITY OF IOWA'S POLICE DEPARTMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the career and retirement of a special member of the University of Iowa's Police Department.

Jago, the university's longest serving canine, recently retired after 9 years of service.

During his decade on the force, Jago provided security for 2 U.S. sitting Presidents, 4 Governors, 17 Secret Servicemembers, and countless guests at Kinnick Stadium.

Jago also provided security for Major League Baseball games at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa, and has assisted in collecting and locating key evidence in numerous investigations.

After nearly a decade on the force, Jago deserves all the treats that retirement has to offer him.

I thank Jago for his service, and happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA'S WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, last month, the University of Iowa's Women's Soccer team earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament after securing a win in the Big Ten Championship.

For the first time in Big Ten Championship history, an eight-seed team won it all. In a nail-biter of a game, the Hawkeyes defeated the Wisconsin Badgers 1-0.

The sole point scored during the game came from a penalty kick from midfielder Josie Durr in the first half.

Needless to say, the University of Iowa's Women's Soccer team made us all very proud this season, and I cannot

wait to see what they accomplish next year.

Keep it up, Hawkeyes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RILEY KRAMER OF TROOP 89

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Riley Kramer of Troop 89 from Bettendorf, Iowa, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout is the highest and most prestigious achievement a Scout can obtain.

To earn this rank, Scouts must fulfill leadership roles, exemplify the Scout oath and law, display exemplary outdoor skills, speak better than their Congresswoman, earn at least 21 badges, and complete a comprehensive service project for their community.

For Riley's Eagle Scout project, he worked with the mayor of Riverdale on a half-mile trail for the city. This trail supports our community and gives people space to exercise and get out and enjoy nature in Scott County.

I congratulate Riley on this honor, and I congratulate Riley's family and everyone who supported him on his journey to become an Eagle Scout.

HOLIDAY SHOUT-OUT TO SIMPSON STORMIN' RED ALE AND WEST HILL BREWING

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise for a cheers-worthy holiday shout-out.

This month, Simpson Stormin' Red Ale has its official launch party at West Hill Brewing in Indianola, Iowa.

The idea for this beer was brewed up between West Hill owners and Simpson College.

Aspiring graphic designers and artists were given the opportunity to design this year's logo.

This year, Madison McDonald, a graphic design major from Winterset, Iowa, created the winning design.

Moving forward, there will be an annual redesign contest, and West Hill also plans to donate a portion of all profits from Simpson Stormin' Red Ale to support student scholarships at Simpson College.

Nothing quite brings people together like the holidays.

I congratulate West Hill Brewing and Simpson College on another successful collaboration.

Mr. Speaker, I wish everyone a very merry Christmas.

RECOGNIZING MONICA LEE SILBAS

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Monica Lee Silbas and her successful career serving others. She is a Santa Ana girl, I am proud to say, who made it big in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, we back home are very proud of Monica. Her passion for advocacy has made her work a defining voice within the labor movement. As part of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, her labor leadership led to the development of their Spanish leadership program.