

comprehensive, evidence-based program for kids in grades K–5. It empowers children and relevant adults with information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and appropriately respond to bullying, cyberbullying, abuse, and digital abuse dangers. Beyond advocacy, Janine will often work directly with children who have been victims of abuse to help ensure they get the support they need to fully recover. Her compassion and empathy know no bounds.

It is clear that Ms. Kell has made a profoundly positive impact on our community and on the lives of countless people she has worked with. I am grateful for her service.

#### HONORING THE LANCASTER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS FOR SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OF INVALUABLE SERVICE TO WESTERN NEW YORK

**HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2024*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps for its 71 years of emergency medical service to Western New York. Operating every day of every year, the volunteer first responders who comprise Lancaster Ambulance often serve as the first and most crucial contact for those suffering from profound medical distress. Lancaster Ambulance's impact on Town of Lancaster, Village of Lancaster, Town of Alden, Village of Alden, and Village of Depew is unquestionable, with its volunteers responding to an astounding 7,553 calls last year alone. These dedicated emergency responders are treating our friends and neighbors amidst their darkest hours, and I am proud to recognize their community service and high level of professionalism in the line of duty.

On behalf of Congress and the 23rd Congressional District, I commend the men and women serving as part of the Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corp. I include in the RECORD the names of the Lancaster Ambulance Board and Management Team into the RECORD as a sign of respect and appreciation for their service and all the members of this important organization:

Chester Popiolkowski—President  
William Revelas—Vice President  
Christopher Yockey—Secretary  
Robert Over—Treasurer  
Amy Revelas—Director of Operations  
Nancy Revelas—Director  
Allison Abraham—Director  
John O'Donnell—Director  
Jonathan Hunter—Director  
Robert Sank—Chief of Compliance  
Brian Fenik—Chief of Narcotics  
Lynn O'Donnell—Training Coordinator

I ask that this legislative body joins me in celebrating the Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps for its over seven decades of service. We thank the many generations of first responders who have protected the Town of Lancaster and its surrounding area through this exemplary organization.

#### CELEBRATING EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY IN HONOR OF THE REBBE

**HON. DUSTY JOHNSON**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2024*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, April 19, 2024, corresponding to the 11th of Nissan, marks the birthday of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, known as "the Rebbe." It is celebrated worldwide and in all 50 states across our great country, including my home state of South Dakota.

This day is also observed as "Education & Sharing Day" in recognition of the Rebbe's deep commitment to bettering the education of all people. He emphasized that education should not merely be about imparting knowledge but must instill values essential for living a meaningful life, fostering moral character, and contributing to the betterment of individuals and society at large. These moral and ethical principles have served as the foundation of civilization since time immemorial.

Like two of the greatest Jewish leaders known to humanity in their times, Moses and Maimonides, whom we honor with their bas-reliefs adorning the walls of this august body, the Rebbe provided leadership, guidance, and healing in our times. This body is honored to have awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal.

The Rebbe said that from his earliest childhood days, he envisioned seeing the world come to a state of peace. Through decades of dedicated service and leadership, while guiding many of our nation's leaders, he exemplified how humanity, through moral education, charitable deeds, and acts of kindness, can bring our world to a state where "swords are turned into plowshares," with peace and prosperity for all inhabitants of God's world.

On the Rebbe's birthday, it is fitting that we honor him by striving to apply his teachings with greater diligence, embodying his vision of a world illuminated by compassion and goodwill for all.

#### RECOGNIZING JOE MARINA

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made in our community by one of my constituents, Joe Marina, who is a valued volunteer with several community organizations and has been a long-time employee of our community's electric cooperative, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative. In this capacity, he has served as the face of the organization in the community, presenting millions of dollars of credit refunds to local governments and school boards. Mr. Marina embodies the heart of a true public servant, lending his expertise, passion, time and energy into all he has been involved with. He has served in key leadership roles on the Board of Directors for United Way of Pasco, the Pasco Economic Development Council, the Boys and Girls Club, the Vincent House and several other local nonprofits. Mr.

Marina doesn't just lend his name to a cause; when he commits to something, he goes "all-in"—above and beyond to make a lasting imprint on the lives of those his work touches. For more than 25 years, whenever there has been an unmet need in the community, Mr. Marina has stepped up to the plate to make sure the job is done, and done right. He has worked tirelessly on countless large-scale community projects to enrich the lives of the people of Pasco County and to create opportunities for future residents. He has helped to transform Pasco from a bedroom community to one in which people can truly live, play and work. His compassion and his desire to empower others to realize their full potential knows no bounds. As he embarks upon his well-deserved retirement, he leaves behind a legacy of selfless service, commitment to others, and humble leadership. His shoes will be big to fill.

It is clear that Mr. Marina has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

#### CONGRATULATING THE PICKETT COUNTY LADY BOBCATS ON CLAIMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. JOHN W. ROSE**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2024*

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, for many of the folks I represent in the Upper Cumberland Region of Middle Tennessee, this year feels a lot like 1989.

That's the last time the Pickett County Lady Bobcats were named TSSAA girls basketball state champions. They reclaimed that title last month, when they defeated the Moore County Lady Raiders, 56–45, in the Class 1A final.

And this championship, Mr. Speaker, was a family affair. Lady Bobcats Guard Zoe Nicholas now joins her aunt and grandmother in having been members of a Pickett County state championship team. It doesn't stop there. Nicholas' cousin, Callie Reeder, is also on the winning team and was even named tournament MVP.

The coach that led the team to victory, Brent Smith, has a brother named Barry, who happened to coach the last winning team 35 years ago.

It's important to note that even though this is the first state championship in a while, the program does very well every season. It's also important to note that each time the Lady Bobcats have made it out of the quarterfinals and advanced to the state championship, they've won. I want to congratulate the current champions for keeping that now six-time winning streak alive.

I am proud to represent Pickett County, and many places like it, that take so much pride in their families, communities, and their home team.

I would now like to recognize everyone who carried the team to victory. Players included: Senior Allie Amonett, Senior Ella K. Keisling, Junior Emmy Lowe, Junior Callie Reeder, Junior Kaylee Tompkins, Sophomore Addison Lowe, Sophomore Zoey Nicholas, Sophomore Kylie Wood, and Freshman Emma Tompkins. Managers included: Senior Nikki Gunter, Junior Addie Keisling, and Junior Ava Keisling. I'd

also like to recognize Head Coach Brent Smith and Assistant Coach Rochelle Mason for the win.

Again, congratulations to the Pickett County Lady Bobcats, the 2024 TSSAA 1A Girls Basketball State Champions.

#### CONGRATULATING LARRY FOSTER

#### HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2024*

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Foster of the Navajo Nation for his induction into the North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame. This honor demonstrates the outstanding leadership and athletic achievement of Mr. Foster. It is a hallmark of his commitment and dedication.

Foster was a student at Window Rock High School in Arizona where he earned All State and All Conference Honors in baseball, football, and basketball from 1966 to 1969. Upon graduating high school, he continued to play baseball at Bacone Juniors College in Muskogee, Oklahoma and later Adam State College in Alamosa, Colorado. He was named as the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Batting Champion in 1971 with a batting average of .442.

After college, Foster played semi-pro baseball and was a nine-time All Tournament outfield and batting champion and continued to play in All Indian baseball tournaments from 1964 to 1976.

Foster now resides in Gallup, New Mexico with his wife Mattie Foster. He continues to be an active member of his community, including being a local sportswriter. Ná b hózh to

Mr. Foster. We are grateful for his contribution to sports in New Mexico.

#### CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF ABILENE BAPTIST CHURCH

#### HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2024*

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Abilene Baptist Church in Georgia's 12th District.

Established near Augusta, Georgia and founded by the pioneering Baptist minister Daniel Marshall, the centuries-long history of Abilene continues to bring hope and unity of God's word to our communities.

As we reflect on 250 years of faith, fellowship, and service, we also remember the journey that has brought us to this moment—through the many challenges, countless blessings, and cherished milestones.

This anniversary is not just a marker of time, but a testament to the unwavering dedication and commitment of each member of this congregation.

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is God's instructions to Joshua in Joshua 1:8: "Do not let this book of law depart from your lips, be careful to do what it says, meditate on it day and night, and you will be prosperous and successful."

This anniversary is undoubtedly a celebration, but also a reminder that God has used this congregation in a powerful way and continues to do so.

I express my deepest gratitude to those who have contributed to the years of success of

Abilene Baptist Church. May God bless each and every one of them.

#### RECOGNIZING MARK McCLARTY

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2024*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions made in our community by one of my constituents, Mark McClarty, who has been a volunteer with the non-profit, People Helping People (PHP) since 2023. Mark stepped up to manage the organization's Weekend Blessings program which provides four meals per week-end to children facing food insecurity. The program also feeds these children throughout the summer. Careful coordination with the Hernando County School District and other organizations is required to make this initiative successful, and Mark works tirelessly to get the job done. Mark's background in finance and his people skills are so incredibly valuable. He continually finds innovative ways to lower the costs while increasing value of the food PHP purchases for the program. Under his leadership, the Weekend Blessings initiative has grown, as it now serves an additional 150 needy children each week. The efficiencies he has implemented for this initiative have also been replicated within PHP's senior feeding program. His positive attitude is infectious.

It is clear that Mr. McClarty has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.