

countless music performances, and community events. It has echoed the sounds of music, laughter, and celebration, bringing together the community.

As the Forest Park Community celebrates this remarkable milestone, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the Forest Park Trust, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, Woodhaven Historical Society, elected officials and many more who have worked tirelessly to preserve these landmarks. Throughout its lifespan, the Woodhaven community has continually advocated for restoration efforts and ongoing conservation, underscoring their commitment to preserving historical treasures for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Forest Park Carousel and the Seuffert Bandshell. May these iconic landmarks continue to inspire and bring joy to our community for many years to come.

HONORING OLIVE GRAY AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Olive Gray's dedication to serving her community stems from her upbringing in Jamaica, where she learned the importance of sharing from her mother. This passion for helping others became her legacy when she began running food pantries in Central Florida over 30 years ago.

Today, Gray leads one of the largest food pantries out of Apopka, Florida, serving 1,500–1,800 families every two weeks in Orange County. Her leadership at the Mt. Olive SDA Worship and Education Center food pantry is bolstered by the co-leadership of her husband, Elder Lenworth Gray. Their tireless work has been recognized by the Second Harvest Food Bank's 2017 Feed Award and featured in the DailyMail and local news stations such as WESH 2.

Gray's commitment goes beyond her role at the pantry. A Jamaican immigrant, she embodies the spirit of the Caribbean community. After immigrating to the United States in the late 1980s, she balanced entrepreneurship with social work, supporting people with special needs. Since moving to Florida in the mid-1990s, she has consistently dedicated herself to serving her community through her church. Motivated by her desire to see people happy and well-fed, particularly children, Gray has always volunteered her time in food service, she has never received a salary. She firmly believes that no one should go hungry, and as long as she has the ability to share, she will follow the example of her mother, who did the very same for her Jamaican community.

CELEBRATING MENDHAM TOWNSHIP'S 275TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and congratulate Mendham Township on their 275th anniversary. I am extremely grateful to be able to be here today and celebrate this incredible milestone with the Mendham Township community. Over the past 275 years, Mendham Township has been forward-thinking in preserving the environment, creating a strong sense of community, and supporting excellence in education. For almost three centuries, the township has become home to families and retirees alike who enjoy parks, streams and playgrounds, annual events that date back decades, and award-winning schools. As we reflect on its history, we can use the past centuries as a reminder of Mendham Township's dedication to fostering a community loved by all. I am honored to have such an amazing township in the 7th Congressional District, and I look forward to what is to come.

CONGRATULATING THE RUSSELLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL TEAM

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I use today to recognize and congratulate the Russellville High School Quiz Bowl Team for their outstanding achievement in winning their first national title at the National Academic Championship tournament. On Sunday afternoon, these bright young students brought home a victory that will be remembered as a milestone in the history of Russellville High School.

The Cyclones demonstrated their exceptional intellect and teamwork by going undefeated, 6–0, in their regional tournament held in May in New Orleans, Louisiana. Their journey to the national title was marked by impressive victories over formidable opponents, including teams from Corpus Christi, Texas; Little Rock Central; an international team from Dubai, India; and Parkland High School in Pennsylvania.

The members of this championship team, Will Stump, Keegan Fuller, Ian Warnick, Matthew Fox, Gidian Fuller, and Alyx Dunaway, have showcased remarkable dedication and academic excellence. Their success is a testament to their hard work and commitment. I would also like to commend their head coach, Mr. Steven Quoss, and assistant coaches, Ms. Rebecca Quoss and Mr. Andrew Taylor, whose leadership and guidance were instrumental in this achievement.

This victory not only brings great pride to Russellville High School and will also inspire students throughout our community and state. The achievements of the Russellville High School Quiz Bowl Team highlight the impor-

tance of academic competitions in fostering a spirit of inquiry and distinction among our youth.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Russellville High School Quiz Bowl Team on their national championship. We celebrate their success and look forward to their future accomplishments.

HONORING PASTOR ROSEMARIE G. ROTH AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Pastor Rosemarie G. Roth is the mother of Richard John, Rachel Melissa, and Rebecca Anne and the grandmother of three. She volunteers at OurLegacy with Advent Health, which is dedicated to raising awareness about organ donation within Caribbean and Latino communities. She was the president of the Organ Donation Foundation in 1991 when the organ donor designation was placed on Florida driver's licenses.

In June of 1994, along with her grandmother, Lydell C. Dawkins, she founded Alpha Point, Inc., as a Christian Center. It now functions as a resource connector, where she and other community advocates offer resources to the community. They distribute free groceries and hot meals, and develop relationships with local churches, schools, and small businesses to organize outreach events to keep the community engaged. She offers free pre-marital counseling for the state of Florida and officiates weddings and funerals at no cost.

Additionally, she serves as an end-of-life doula, providing meals, housing referrals, and supplies to patients with unfavorable prognoses. Her wealth of information has allowed her to author 17 non-fiction books. She writes with passion about cultural and life experiences for the Caribbean American Passport News Magazine monthly.

Her legacy will be her love for people and the joy it brings her to bring hope through information. Her presence is welcomed by Chambers Park in the City of Kissimmee, where she coordinates a sewing class and a book club, thus fostering a nurturing and educational environment for children. Her community involvement includes being the former president of Jamaican Cultural Connection, Inc., secretary of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce, Inc., co-host of "Life: Raw & Real" on CRRFM Radio Network, outreach director for the Global Jamaica Diaspora, covering 13 southern states, and president of Citrus Ridge Merchant Association, Inc.

Pastor Rosemarie G. Roth's commitment to serving her community exemplifies the true spirit of being a community builder through advocacy.

TRIBUTE TO A.O. SMITH CORPORATION'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate and celebrate the 150th anniversary of A.O. Smith Corporation, a cornerstone of American innovation and industry.

A.O. Smith was founded in 1874 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and over the past century, has grown from a small family business specializing in the fabrication of metal hardware into a global leader in water technology, manufacturing, residential and commercial water heaters, boilers, and water purification equipment. Today, A.O. Smith employs more than 12,000 people across the world and conducts business in over sixty countries. A.O. Smith provided family-supporting jobs for many of my constituents, their parents, and grandparents.

A.O. Smith was instrumental in helping to usher in the automobile revolution, developing a new, lightweight steel car frame—a development that caught the interest of major car companies including Peerless, Cadillac, Packard, Oldsmobile and Ford. Ford's initial order of 10,000 frames led A.O. Smith to develop the world's first mass production process for assembling frames, later introducing the world's first automated frame production line. This first fully automated frame assembly plant came to be known as the "mechanical marvel" due to the line's ability to make a frame every eight seconds—10,000 frames a day. A.O. Smith was also a large component manufacturer that supplied parts to another early Wisconsin pioneering manufacturer, Harley-Davidson.

A.O. Smith engineers discovered an improved method for welding, allowing for the production of a wide range of steel products. This included the pressure vessel for oil refining and large diameter steel pipe, important components in the oil and natural gas industries.

One of the company's most important and enduring innovations was the process of fusing glass to steel. By perfecting this process, the company developed a range of new products, including glass-lined beer kegs, glass-lined brewery tanks, and glass-lined residential water heaters. Glass-lined water heaters rapidly became an industry standard that endures today and led to A.O. Smith's growth as a global leader in water heating products, which now includes industry leading models that are consistently among the most efficient in the market according to the ENERGY STAR program.

In recent years, A.O. Smith has emerged as an industry leader in developing technologies that address our drinking water quality challenges. A co-founding member of the Water Council, A.O. Smith has helped ensure Milwaukee's place as a global water technology hub, while supporting economic development in Wisconsin. The Water Council helped bring about the creation of the Global Water Center, which houses water-related business accelerators and research facilities where engineers conduct controlled testing on water purification products sold around the world. Bringing to-

gether their work has helped transform Milwaukee into a world hub for water research, education, and economic development.

I am proud to recognize A.O. Smith and I share my best wishes with the company and their employees for their continued success.

CELEBRATING TRISTEN EVATT

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Tristen Evatt, the Yulee High School Hornet, who recently won the long jump Class 2A track and field state finals in the free state of Florida. Tristen wrote new Hornet history, becoming the third school state champion, and setting a personal record en route to gold.

Stepping foot onto the University of North Florida campus, Tristen knew she needed to pull off something special, and she did just that. On her final jump, Tristen buzzed through the air to sting the competition with a massive leap, blowing past her personal best.

The state championship was a hive of activity for Tristen. She also qualified in the triple jump, 100-meter dash, and the 4x100-meter relay. Throughout the events, Tristen shined, finishing fourth in the triple jump to go along with her gold medal.

The state finals were Tristen's last high school meet before she heads off to University of South Florida in the fall of 2024, and she was determined to go out on top. Years of hard work paid off and winning the state championship firmly cements her as the Queen Bee of Hornet athletes. We are exceptionally proud of this young lady.

Mr. Speaker on behalf of Florida's 4th Congressional District, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in congratulating Tristen Evatt on this remarkable achievement.

HONORING PASTOR ALEXIS WALLACE AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Pastor Alexis Wallace is a bridge builder. Throughout his ministry, he has been dedicated to developing uncommon and challenging relationships in a wide variety of areas.

He is the founder and president of the Jewish Christian Network, which has members from every continent. Pastor Alexis is also the president and founder of Hagiazo Healing Outreach, a ministry with the unique mission of bridging the gap between faith and science to address sickness from a spiritual perspective.

Pastor Alexis is the founder of Global Evangelistic Center, co-pastoring this church in Kissimmee, Florida, with his wife, Evelina. The couple has two children a daughter, Alexia, who is a federal attorney, and a son, Sydney, a recent radiography graduate and practitioner.

Global Evangelistic Center was at ground zero in Abaco, Bahamas, with a medical mission shortly after Hurricane Dorian devastated the island. GEC coordinated the mission with a team of doctors and much-needed medical supplies that impacted the lives of many.

Pastor Alexis attended Oral Roberts University. He has been a publisher of newspapers and magazines, as well as the executive producer of international Christian TV programs that focused on Israel and the Caribbean and reached millions.

CELEBRATING THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIANT NATIONAL CAPITAL BARBECUE BATTLE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 32nd anniversary of the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle. This District of Columbia summertime tradition takes place during the first full week of summer each year and brings together tens of thousands of families in the D.C. region and visitors to D.C. in the spirit of unity, community and celebration.

The Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle is returning once again to historic Pennsylvania Avenue on June 22, 2024, featuring the Giant National BBQ Championship, the National Pork BBQ Championship, the USO Military Chef Cook Off, the Roseda Best Beef Contest, the Smokin' with Smithfield Rib Contest, the Perdue Sizzlin' Chicken Contest, the Turkey Smoke BBQ Cooking Contest, the Bachan's Chefs Choice BBQ Contest and the Impossible Foods Barbecue Championship.

The Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle has raised millions of dollars for D.C. charities and USO-Metro over the past 32 years and has donated food to numerous food banks.

The Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle has expanded to include a month of celebration in D.C. to promote D.C. and its unique culture, partnering with DC Water, Monumental Sports, Ben's Chili Bowl and the Anacostia Business Improvement District through Art to Go-Go.

The Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle draws some of D.C.'s and the nation's best barbecue talent, and those participants have the duty and the honor of representing D.C. wherever State Barbecue Cooking Championship winners are welcomed.

Mr. Speaker, again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN LUIS J. RODRÍGUEZ

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, on June 13, 2024, Captain Luis J. Rodríguez assumed command of the United States Coast