

HONORING DREW HEDGE COE ON HIS THIRD CONSECUTIVE NCHSAA 3A CHAMPIONSHIP IN SINGLES TENNIS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Drew Hedgecoe of Terry Sanford High School on winning his third consecutive NCHSAA 3A state championship in singles tennis.

On May 11, 2024, Drew defeated South Central freshman Shaw Akula 6–2, 6–3 to clinch the title. Due to his hard work and dedication, Drew is breaking records on the tennis court and could soon become the second tennis player in NCHSAA history to win four straight singles championships. Drew has made his school, and all of Cumberland County, extremely proud.

I wish Drew all the best and hope to see him make history on the court and bring home another state championship next season.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Drew Hedgecoe on winning his third consecutive NCHSAA 3A State Championship in singles tennis.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISSE HOULAHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 280.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAN FLAVIN

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Daniel Flavin, a uniquely integral Southwest Louisiana community leader. Dan's career spanned business, politics, and philanthropy. No matter what his means were, he always worked to benefit those around him, his family, and God.

Dan's family moved to Lake Charles in 1972, where he attended and graduated from A.M. Barbe High School. Mr. Bill Flavin, Dan's Father, was a Veteran of the Korean War and an industrious, self-made man. Despite generous offers that would force his family to leave the Southwest Louisiana community they had come to love, he resigned from his job and founded what is now the renowned Flavin Realty Inc. Dan once recalled that even at 86, his father still came to work every day. Mr. Bill Flavin clearly endowed Dan with this impulse for hard work and integrity. The Flavins' principles are emblematic of Southwestern Louisiana's grit and ingenuity.

Dan bought Flavin Realty from his father after graduating from McNeese State University, inheriting it just as he had his funda-

mental values. Under Dan's management, Flavin Realty steadily grew into the organization we know today: Southwestern Louisiana's eminent real estate firm. In recognition of his personal ability, Dan was twice awarded the Calcasieu Parish Realtor of the Year Award and was selected for leadership positions in Louisiana's top real estate associations. Dan always showed great humility in his achievements, always giving credit to family and God above all.

Throughout his life, Dan's personal integrity and dedication reached beyond his own interests, overflowing into the community. He gave generously to charity and local causes. In 1996, Dan brought his talents to the state legislature, where he served his beloved SWLA community. His decade-long tenure in the Louisiana House of Representatives was noted by constituents as an era of major victories and development. Representative Flavin's greatest legislative work came amid efforts to bolster the Port of Lake Charles. His concerted legislation and advocacy made the Port of Lake Charles our Nation's 10th largest, cementing an irreplaceable source of SWLA economic prosperity for years to come.

This unwavering dedication to community was surpassed only by Dan's intertwined love of family and God. After retiring from the state legislature in 2005, Dan spent the joyful final years of his life caring for the family business, surrounded by his wife Lisa and their six children, 20 grandchildren, and a community of friends. Dan's love of God, family, and community made him an exemplary Louisianan by any definition. His work was always conducted according to our state's unique intersection of government, business, and family values.

Dan is survived by a big, beautiful Louisiana family and a forever grateful community. On behalf of Louisiana's 3rd District, I thank Mr. Dan Flavin for his generous charity and lifelong service to Louisiana. As we continue to benefit from Dan Flavin's legacy, I pray the Lord blesses his family and grants his reward in Heaven.

HIGHLIGHTING LT. COL. JOHN D. STOCK

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of CA-27's Edwards Air Force Base who has served with passion for over 20 years. As a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force, John D. Stock has dedicated his life to serving our Nation and training the next generation of pilots.

John D. Stock's diligent service includes 3500 hours of flight time across two oceans and five continents. By executing successful operational missions, instructing pilots and aircrew personnel, and volunteering in his local community, his leadership has had a deep impact on the aviation community and beyond.

I want to thank Lieutenant Colonel John Stock for his dedication and service. Our community is better because of him, and I look forward to seeing how he continues to make an impact on those around him.

CONGRATULATING THE SANTA FE NEW MEXICAN ON ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my hometown newspaper, the Santa Fe New Mexican, on its 175th Anniversary. The first issue of the paper was printed on November 28, 1849. The New Mexican has brought stories to life about gold strikes, floods, votes on prohibition, and debates on statehood. It has shared stories of the struggles and strength of the survivors of wildfires, informed voters about their local candidates, and anointed the best chile in the city. To keep democracy strong, it made sure voters understood the positions and perspectives of local candidates for office.

Stories matter, and who tells them matters just as much. That's why it's important that an independent paper with integrity, like the New Mexican, has been telling stories about our communities since it was founded. Papers like the New Mexican help us be well informed, active citizens.

In 2023, 34 reporters from the New Mexican won first place in the New Mexico Press Association Better Newspapers contest. Amongst the awards were best investigative reporting, best news writing, best feature photo, and best special section on the recovery from the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon fire in 2022.

Independent journalism is a crucial foundation of democracy. That's clear now more than ever, as we ward off fake news and alternative facts in the battle for our nation's very soul.

I still get a copy of the New Mexican delivered to my door every day. Their stories, from high school sports to national news are crucial to the work that I do. Most importantly, however, they are vital to the fabric of New Mexico.

I like to think that future generations will sit with their cup of cafe and turn the pages to learn about their hometown from the Santa Fe New Mexican.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. MCHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my vote for H.R. 2789. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 282.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANN ARBOR MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels on the occasion of 50 years of service to the

community. The care and service that they provide to homebound members of the greater Ann Arbor community is worthy of commendation.

Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels began in 1974 as a program to provide homebound neighbors with fresh, nutritious meals. Since then, the program has expanded its services to include pet food delivery, home energy efficiency kits, personal care items, and wellness checks during drop-offs. Additionally, the program offers recipients a variety of meals that are inclusive of dietary restrictions, nutritional risks, and cultural traditions. Their delivery of over 120,000 of these meals to over 430 clients every year shows a distinct level of dedication and commitment to the community.

Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels is a community effort. It is led by the University of Michigan Health Department of Community Health Services and is made possible by the additional support of more than 250 volunteers. Staff at the Patient Food and Nutrition Services at Michigan Medicine work six days a week to prepare meals while volunteers assist in delivering meals, completing wellness checks, and providing community members with compassion and support. Many times, they are the difference in isolation as they build connections and care for those they serve. Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels also works with Lucky Kitch-

en, Washtenaw County, the Huron Valley Humane Society, DTE Energy, and other local institutions. This network of partnerships and dedicated volunteers demonstrates the integration of the program in the community, as well as the extent of the impact of the program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels. For the last half-century, the program has been diligently serving homebound members of the community when they need it most. We thank Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels and its team members for their service, and we are excited to see how the program will continue to serve the community.

HONORING THE UNION PINES VIKINGS ON WINNING THE NC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCHSAA) 3A/2A/1A WOMEN'S LACROSSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

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Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Union Pines

Vikings, Coach Daniel Proud, and their Principal Andrew McCormick on their undefeated season and winning the NCHSAA 3A/2A/1A women's lacrosse state championship.

The women of Union Pines lacrosse team have brought this year's NCHSAA championship back home to Moore County. The Vikings defeated Bishop McGuinness High School 20-6 to clinch the title and cap off a perfect 18-0 season.

The coaches and players of Union Pines have brought great pride to both their school and all of Moore County. I wish them all the best and hope to see them continue their success next season. Go Vikings.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating the coaches and players of Union Pines High School on their victory in this year's NCHSAA 3A/2A/1A Women's Lacrosse State Championship.