

her community's best interests at heart will ensure that she and the city of Winter Park are successful.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mayor DeCiccio, and I am eager to work alongside her to work for and with the people of Winter Park.

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RECOGNIZING DONNA CAMACHO'S SERVICE

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donna Camacho's service and leadership at the Alzheimer's Association Georgia Chapter.

Donna, a Savannah resident, has contributed over 19 years of volunteer leadership at the Alzheimer's Association. During her time, she has been actively involved in various roles, including serving as co-chair on the board of directors and as Georgia's congressional ambassador of the organization.

Donna's involvement in health-related fields extends beyond her time at the Alzheimer's Association. For over 30 years, she served as the Chatham County Health Department's program manager.

As a pharmacist, I understand just how vital it is to continue to push for advancements in our healthcare system, especially for Alzheimer's disease, detection, diagnosis, and prevention.

Donna has diligently worked to increase awareness for Alzheimer's patients, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors. She is a friend to all, and if you get to know her, she might even bake you one of her most famous chocolate cakes.

COMMEMORATING HISTORIC HARRINGTON SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Historic Harrington School on St. Simons Island.

Originally called the Harrington Graded School, the one-room schoolhouse was built by African-American tradesmen in 1924. The school was the main educational structure for three African-American communities on St. Simons Island.

In the 1960s, many students left the school to attend St. Simons Elementary. The building was briefly used as a daycare center until being abandoned in 1970. Restoration efforts were led by the St. Simons African American Heritage Coalition and the St. Simons Land Trust in 2024.

The restored Harrington School is now a community gathering space for holidays, celebrations, meetings, and other events.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Harrington School on its 100th anniversary.

Keep up the good work.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF HOWARD COHEN

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the

life of Howard Cohen, a member of the Savannah community who inspired and influenced so many.

After graduating from the Benedictine Military School at Armstrong College, Cohen served in the Nation's Air Force Division during the Korean war.

In 1952, Cohen established Savannah's first weightlifting gym, drawing nationwide attention from those interested and involved in the sport.

Cohen's athletic ambitions were taken up by his son, Michael, who went on to make the U.S. Olympic weightlifting team in 1980 under his father's guidance.

For himself, Cohen's love, passion, and dedication to weightlifting set him on the path to achieving many notable titles. In fact, he was a 10-time Pan American champion who achieved 32 national championships.

His legacy will live on, and he will continue to serve as a role model for generations to come.

CELEBRATING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHARP MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Sharp Memorial Methodist Church in Young Harris, Georgia.

Built in 1948 and opened in 1949, Sharp Memorial Methodist Church has been a cornerstone of the Young Harris community. The church was named after Dr. Joseph Astor Sharp, born in 1864.

After graduating from Emory at Oxford, Dr. Sharp served as president of Young Harris College for 35 years. Dr. Sharp dedicated his life to the service of others and deeply inspired his congregation, the community, and generations of students.

Standing at the entrance of Young Harris College, Sharp Memorial Methodist Church continues to honor his legacy and serve the community.

Mr. Speaker, 75 years later, Young Harris trustees, the local community, and alumni are coming together for a week of celebration, reflection, and looking ahead.

The legacy of Dr. Sharp and the ongoing work of Sharp Memorial Methodist Church will undoubtedly strengthen and enrich the community for generations to come.

HOUSE MUST PASS NATIONAL SECURITY PACKAGE

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Foreign Relations Committee, I rise to address the House on the challenges we face in Ukraine, in the Middle East with Israel and Iran, and in Taiwan and Asia.

The world is watching and looking for American leadership. Iran has launched a telegraphed attack on Israel, sending over 350 drones and missiles last weekend. Seeing these missiles being intercepted above the Tem-

ple Mount emphasizes Iran's disregard for Muslim, Jewish, and Christian holy sites and its desire to take innocent lives.

Iran's actions continue to disrupt opportunities for peace in the Middle East. I was in Israel 2 weeks ago, one of over a dozen trips I have made to the Middle East in the last 30 years.

Before the attack on October 7, Saudi Arabia was on the brink of signing a peace agreement and joining the Abraham Accords. Formalizing Saudi-Israeli relations for both countries would achieve strategic and military goals, ranging from defense to food security and innovation, thus bringing hope for more peaceful opportunities with moderate Arab nations.

When the Ayatollah saw this, I believe he pulled the strings on proxy forces to stop these negotiations that resulted in Hamas' horrific attack on innocent Israeli citizens on October 7 that took over 1,200 lives and 200 hostages.

Iran is the number one state sponsor of terrorism in the world. For years, the Iranian regime has been funding Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis to spread international chaos. Iran has directly or through its proxies killed hundreds of Americans who have been in the region.

China is also threatening Taiwan and watching how the United States responds to other conflicts around the world. They are watching.

The new axis of evil—Iran, Russia, China, North Korea—presents an ever-growing threat to the United States and our allies. This is a seminal moment in American and world history, I believe. Therefore, we cannot abandon our allies in their darkest time of need. Ukraine needs our support.

For months, the Senate-passed supplemental aid package has been held hostage by many of my Republican colleagues, some of whom appear to be on the side of Russia. I don't get it. President Reagan and Senator McCain must be turning over in their graves.

It has been over 6 months since the attack on October 7, and what has the House done? Nothing, wasting time on baseless impeachments, threatening a motion to vacate, and close to shutting down government.

Yet again, House Democrats have stepped in to save the day. We have always been clear since day one. We are here to govern, putting people before politics. We have extended the hand of bipartisanship to work on behalf of the American people and the security of our country. We have demonstrated our words with actions: passing and extending the debt ceiling, avoiding government shutdowns three times, and, finally, passing our budget 6 months late.

Mr. Speaker, 193 Democrats have signed the discharge petition to bring the Senate-passed supplemental package to a vote.

The House must pass the national security package this week. It will provide additional equipment for Ukraine,

Israel, and Taiwan, with critical security and military needs to defend their freedom and, therefore, our freedom. It will provide humanitarian aid for the Palestinians, who have been horrifically punished and suffered in Gaza, and Armenians refugees removed from their historical home in Nagorno-Karabakh, along with investments in border security to help alleviate the challenges we have here.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues, would you stand with freedom-loving democracies and help bring this bill to the floor and support Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan, or will you stand with Putin and embolden his mafia of dictators to further attack our allies? That is the question.

Your actions will show not only the American people but history where you stood in protecting the future of democracies. The world is watching.

This is our Churchill-Chamberlain moment. Will we be like Churchill and continue to be the beacon of light for freedom around the world, or will we try to appease, as Chamberlain did with the Nazi dictator Hitler that resulted in the cause of over 100 million deaths during World War II? That is the question. This is the moment.

We must stand for freedom. We must pass this security package this week for Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan, and freedom-loving people around the world.

Mr. Speaker, that is the challenge we face this week. I hope we are successful.

RECOGNIZING MOUNT SIDNEY, NEW HOPE, AND WEYERS CAVE RURITAN CLUBS' 85TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ruritan Clubs in Mount Sidney, New Hope, and Weyers Cave for their 85-year commitment to serving their local communities.

As a fellow Ruritan, I know how well these clubs embody the spirit of service and community that is the backbone of rural America.

Through volunteer work and donations, these Ruritan clubs keep our district beautifully maintained and bolster communal ties. They also hold annual events, like barbecues, to raise the funds they need to positively impact our local communities.

On April 13, a special celebration was held at the Weyer Cave Community Center to honor the past, present, and future generations of Ruritans who have made and continue to make significant contributions to their communities.

This event was not just a recognition of these long-lived charters. It is a testament to the enduring spirit of community service and unity.

Therefore, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I stand here today to congratulate Mount Sidney, New

Hope, and Weyers Cave Ruritan Clubs on their 85th anniversary. Their ongoing work to instill a commitment to public service reflects the best of what it means to be a part of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I thank these Ruritan clubs for their 85 years of service. Here is to many more years of success and community support.

HONORING THE VIRGINIAN REVIEW

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Virginian Review newspaper.

For 110 years, The Virginian Review has been a guiding light for past generations, the present generation, and those yet to come.

The Virginian Review was born out of the consolidation of two local newspapers in Alleghany County/Covington region, the Covington Virginian, founded in 1914, and the Daily Review, founded 9 years before.

After 74 years, the newspapers talked of merging, and on January 3, 1989, the newly created The Virginian Review published its very first edition.

Today, The Virginian Review, under the direction of Scot Refsland, continues to uphold its impressive reputation as an incredible source to keep our communities informed by their essential news coverage and thoughtful, incisive reporting.

Since its beginning, The Virginian Review has been a consistent and reliable news source, delivering local, State, and national updates to folks across Virginia's Sixth District.

It is a privilege to celebrate The Virginian Review, and I wish the entire team all the best as they celebrate 110 years of outstanding journalism.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Christendom College women's basketball team on winning the United States Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Championship in Petersburg, Virginia.

The Christendom Crusaders won the trophy by a score of 76-65 in the championship game against Johnson and Wales Charlotte, bringing home the first women's basketball national title in school history.

Their victory was an entire team effort led by junior Miranda Keller, who led the Crusaders with 22 points; junior Catherine Thomas, who had 19 points; and freshman Mary Pennefather, who also had 19 points.

Miranda Keller was also named Player of the Game for the National Championship for her efforts, and Catherine Thomas was named Tournament MVP for her outstanding play.

Led by Head Coach Mary Minick and Assistant Coach Annie Heisler, this victory is a testament to the hard work and perseverance of everyone on Christendom's women's basketball team.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate these athletes, parents, coaches, and staff on an incredible season and a well-deserved victory.

CONGRATULATING BLUE RIDGE CHRISTIAN'S GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Blue Ridge Christian girls' basketball team on winning the Virginia Association of Christian Athletics, VACA, State championship.

After being down 21-7 at one point in the game, the Bears fought their way back into contention, winning their second VACA title in 3 years.

The team had a tremendous performance throughout the season, finishing 18-2 and going on to win the championship. Despite the countless challenges of working through illnesses and other obstacles, the perseverance and commitment to success demonstrated throughout the year led their team to victory.

Winning the State championship title is a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work that the coaches and players display each and every day throughout the season.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincerest congratulations to the entire Bears coaching staff and team for their incredible season. It is my honor to recognize their well-deserved victory, and I wish them nothing but the best for seasons to come.

STANDING WITH ISRAEL

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reaffirm my unwavering support for Israel, our foremost ally in the Middle East and the beacon of democracy in that region.

Over the weekend, Iran launched a direct attack on Israel from Iranian soil, firing over 300 missiles and drones at the nation. This is the first time Iran has ever directly attacked the Nation of Israel.

These direct attacks also follow the brutal war launched by Iran-backed Hamas terrorists on October 7 of this last year. This vicious attack claimed the lives of over 1,200 innocent Israeli citizens and took more than 240 hostages, some of whom were Americans.

While some on the other side of the aisle and in the media attempt to draw a moral parallel between Hamas and Israel, there is simply no comparison to be made.

As Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu once said: "You cannot equate a democracy that values life with a terror organization that glorifies death."

Israel has an absolute right to defend itself, and while they continue to fight for their country's survival, Hamas continues to intentionally target population centers, seeking death and destruction.

Let me be clear: Hamas has no interest in peace or a solution. Their only objective is to eliminate the Jewish State. I cannot fathom why people choose to back Hamas despite its atrocious human rights record.

We must stand with Israel, and I remain steadfast in my support of America's closest ally.