

community. We should all make time to reflect on this solemn day of remembrance.

CONGRATULATING COACH GINGER HIGH COLVIN

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ginger High Colvin, who was recently announced as the 2024 Women's Basketball Coaches Association NAIA National Coach of the Year.

Ginger has been the women's basketball coach at Campbellsville University for 17 years.

Ginger has deep ties to Kentucky's First Congressional District, growing up in Monroe County and being a basketball star at both Tompkinsville High School and Campbellsville University herself.

Ginger receiving this award for the second year in a row is a testament to her commitment and dedication to her players and the university.

Under Ginger's leadership, the Lady Tigers have a 477-98 record and a 31-2 record this season, making it to the NAIA Elite Eight.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate my friend, Coach Ginger Colvin, on this well-deserved award and another successful season.

RECOGNIZING 911 DISPATCHERS DURING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

(Mrs. TORRES of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week as the first 911 dispatcher in Congress.

During America's darkest moments, 911 dispatchers are the first responders, from talking people out of committing suicide to handling active-shooter situations.

Every single day, 911 dispatchers talk to people during the most difficult times in their lives. Despite their hard work, 911 dispatchers are classified as clerical workers, making them first on the chopping block for budget cuts, leading to staffing shortages for an already stressful job.

For this reason, I urge Congress to pass my 911 SAVES Act to honor 911 dispatchers with a well-deserved reclassification.

CELEBRATING CHARLES CAUVEL'S 100th BIRTHDAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Charles Cauvel, a lifelong resident of Cranberry Township in Venango County.

Charles was born on March 24, 1924. He is the oldest of four children. He left high school in 10th grade when he was offered a job driving a truck. A year later, he started working on the railroad.

A few years later, in May 1943, he was drafted into the United States Army at 19 years of age, where he served until 1946. Charles spent 3 years overseas in the Pacific theater and was even part of the division sent to clean up Hiroshima after the atomic bomb was dropped.

Following his discharge in 1946, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars.

After the war, Charles returned to Cranberry Township, working as a pumper on an oil lease.

Today, Charles has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he continues to share stories of his time in the Army and growing up in Venango County.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Charles a happy birthday, and I thank him for his service to our country.

CALLING FOR RENEWED INVESTMENT IN THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

(Mr. LANDSMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for a renewed investment in the Affordable Connectivity Program, which is set to expire this month.

The ACP has helped over 23 million households that have received affordable broadband internet.

In my district alone, that is one in four people who depend on the ACP for internet access. This access is so important. It allows people to work from home, children to do their homework, people to get healthcare online, and everyone to participate in our digital economy, all without prohibitive costs.

This investment is about more than just internet access. It is about opportunity and equality and strengthening our economy.

Continuing to fund the ACP would have bipartisan and overwhelming support when brought to the floor. Millions will be left without internet access if we don't, so I urge the Speaker to bring this bill to the floor, and I urge my colleagues to sign the discharge petition, which will be here today.

RECOGNIZING JOE BRANNEN

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of Joe Brannen.

After Joe graduated from the University of Georgia, he spent 8 years serving on the staff of Georgia Senator Sam Nunn. He went on to have a successful banking career spanning over 40 years.

Joe will retire as president and chief executive officer of the Georgia Bankers Association on July 15, his 44th anniversary of joining the association.

The Georgia Bankers Association enjoyed its greatest decades of growth and prosperity under the unwavering leadership of Joe.

Joe has served on a wide variety of boards, both in and out of the banking community, including the Georgia Bar Foundation, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the American Free Market Chamber of Commerce, the State YMCA, and his own local church.

Joe is a trusted adviser, a thoughtful leader, and a respected friend to many.

In short, Joe is one of the good guys. I wish him and his wife, Vilda, nothing but happiness and a well-earned retirement.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT CLARICE LAFRENIERE

(Ms. SALINAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Clarice Lafreniere, who was just awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for her service as a real-life Rosie the Riveter during World War II.

I had the honor of meeting Clarice and her granddaughter in my office last week and hearing firsthand her story of courage and conviction during a very dark time in our Nation's history.

Clarice gave birth to her daughter just hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor, but like many Americans, she felt the need to spring into action and support the war effort. So, Clarice went on to work at the Kaiser shipyard in Portland, where she cut and welded steel for ships.

She wasn't the only one. In total, about 16 million women across the country served as riveters, buckers, welders, and electricians during the war. These real-life Rosies were critical to ensuring American victory.

Today, Clarice is 102 years young, remains very active in her community, and is eager to share her story with younger generations.

I can't think of anyone more deserving of our Nation's highest civilian honor, and I am so grateful to Clarice and her family for their service.

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HONORING NATE BRUCKENTHAL'S SERVICE

(Mr. LALOTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a true hero, Nate Bruckenthal, who gave his life in service to our great country on April 24, 2004.

Born in Stony Brook, Nate's unwavering dedication to service was evident from a young age. In 1999, he answered the call of duty and joined the United States Coast Guard and served on the Point Wells based out of Montauk.

In 2004, he deployed to the Arabian Gulf where he and two Navy sailors were killed while intercepting a waterborne suicide attack off the coast of Iraq. Nate's actions saved the lives of countless fellow sailors, and we can never thank him enough for his bravery and heroism.

Nate's ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty serves as a poignant reminder of the selflessness and courage exhibited by our servicemembers every day. May we never forget his sacrifice and may his memory inspire future generations to serve with the same bravery and devotion.

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM ON BRINK OF COLLAPSE

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Affordable Connectivity Program, ACP, a lifeline for 23 million households nationwide, is on the brink of collapse. April marks the end of the program, putting the internet out of reach for many Americans.

The ACP is about leveling the digital playing field, especially for rural America. Without action, millions will lose access to high-speed internet. In North Carolina's First Congressional District, over 81,000 households rely on ACP for internet access.

ACP isn't about luxury. It is essential for our farmers, students, and small businesses. I urge Congress to act now.

HONORING FATHER ROBERT CYRIL GUISE

(Mr. VAN ORDEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN ORDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Father Robert Cyril Guise, who passed away and entered into eternal life on April 4, 2024, at the age of 92.

He demonstrated through his decades of highly respected, Godly service around the world that a timeless faith in our Savior Jesus Christ rises above

all earthly troubles and that a man who dedicates himself to bringing the Word of God can shine a light to those in darkness that can never be extinguished.

He brought countless souls to Christ, and should be commended for this, but I believe that he would have preferred to be remembered as a simple servant of God. In his humility, he gave us an example to follow, this being a reflection of the example set by our Savior.

Father Cyril was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Harry and Mary V. McGrath Guise. Father Cyril was a Carmelite Friar for almost 65 years. He entered religious life on August 21, 1950, at the age of 19 and made his first profession of vows a year later and was ordained into the priesthood on June 6, 1959.

After his ordination, Father Cyril was called to minister in the Philippines, and then he was appointed vicar at the Church's retreat house in Peterborough, New Hampshire. For the next several decades, Father Cyril lovingly served those in the most trying of times as a dedicated hospital chaplain in multiple locations around the country.

In 1994, God called him to Holy Hill, where he served in leadership for a 3-year term as prior and then as director of the developmental office. He will be greatly missed by his religious community.

On a personal note, Father Cyril was my Uncle Bob and Auntie Mary Jean's priest. We all consider him a member of our family who offered the greatest comfort to those of us during their passing, as he did during the passing of our daughter. May God bless him and grant him sweet repose.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that Father Robert Cyril Guise's contribution to my State, this Nation, and the world be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for posterity.

ENERGY STABILITY IN INSULAR REGIONS

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak about the need for congressional support for energy stability in offshore, isolated and underserved areas. In the Virgin Islands, we are acutely aware of the impacts of climate change, including the increasing frequency and severity of hurricanes, as evidenced in 2017 with two Category 5 hurricanes hitting our home.

Energy remains the single most critical factor for our territory's future. High electricity costs and power instability continue to hamper economic recovery. Systemic energy instability has direct and indirect negative impacts on sustainable economic development, which magnifies existing societal vulnerabilities.

The Biden-Harris administration's energy policy offers the Virgin Islands

and places like it a transformative opportunity, including the Energy Department's State Energy Program and Loan Programs Office, the Interior Department's Energizing Insular Communities, and EPA's Solar for All programs.

We must continue to utilize and champion this administration's vision to enable disadvantaged, isolated areas to define and implement our energy future through a modern-day lens, fundamentally addressing our needs as we see them.

FRANK'S RESTAURANT 100TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. HUIZENGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, in a time where there is conflict and war throughout the world, it is also good to remember those things that bring a smile to our face, whether it is people, traditions, or places. Today's tribute is one of those in my life.

It is the 100th anniversary of Frank's Restaurant, which is an absolute icon in my hometown of Zeeland, Michigan. It was started by a man named Frank Dionise just 100 years ago and was family owned. The Dionises and the Hammers had owned it until just recently.

It is the kind of place that every Zeelander has memories in and around. It is the kind of place where every true Zeelander knows what their go-to order is; mine happens to be the olive burger with onion rings.

I thank Teresa Vander Zwaag and the families that have taken that over and made sure that this institution is continuing while it celebrates 100 years in the great town of Zeeland, Michigan.

NORTH AMERICA'S STRONGEST TOWN

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the strongest town in America. This year, 16 cities from across our continent competed for the title of North America's Strongest Town.

Over a 4-week span, with each round of voting lasting one week, these communities competed for a prestigious title. That title came back home to America's heartland in the Great Lakes region. The winner was Maumee in northwest Ohio in the Ninth Congressional District. It took the title over Norfolk, Nebraska.

This year's contest was the ninth annual event to name the strongest town. According to contest rules, a strong town is defined as any town, big or small, that prioritizes making progress in transportation, housing, and fiscal resiliency for the long-term benefit of its people.