

coach in the country. There are only four coaches with over 1,000 wins, and Coach Hughes is one of those with 1,333 wins, making him the winningest coach of all time for boys.

He grew up in Oklahoma, played basketball at Texas Southern, and was drafted by the Boston Celtics. An injury landed him in the Fort Worth Independent School District where he coached during the time of segregation for I.M. Terrell.

After segregation ended, Coach Hughes moved to Dunbar High School where he put on quite a show. There were no accidents with Coach Hughes. All of his kids followed the rules. They were well disciplined. They followed through with pinpoint execution. Coach Hughes didn't play any games in his coaching of these young men. He would have his coat unbuttoned, and if someone came down and took a shot that he knew wasn't right, Coach Hughes would put his hands on his hips, look down at the bench and point, and have another person come in.

It was just amazing that decade after decade, Coach Hughes produced so many outstanding players, so many State championships, and was a role model for so many of these young men and a father figure for many of these young men. You should see the comments on Facebook about Coach Hughes.

Coach Hughes and Coach Rambo, as you see there to his right, are both gone now. However, the memories of what Coach Hughes has done for the city of Fort Worth, what he has done for basketball in Texas in a school known for Friday night lights, this man literally was the show, and we will miss Coach Hughes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

HONORING JOE COATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of one of my constituents, Joe Coates, who passed away late last month after a hard-fought fight and battle with cancer.

Joe was a true public servant. As the director of the Charleston County Emergency Management Department, Joe dedicated his life to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

Joe's commitment to public service goes far beyond that. For nearly two decades, he served Charleston County in various roles, including as a coordinator for the Sheriff's Rural Search and Rescue Team and as a secretary for the Disaster Recovery Network following the devastating floods of 2015. His leadership as the planning section chief under the Lowcountry Incident Management Team was instrumental in guiding our community through times of crisis.

On May 16, 2024, during a special meeting of county council attended by Joe and his family, friends, and colleagues, members of the council voted unanimously to rename the emergency operations center the Joe Coates Emergency Operations Center.

My team and I extend our deepest condolences to Coates' family, friends, and colleagues. May we all strive to embody the selflessness, compassion, and leadership that Joe exemplified throughout his life. His legacy and his impact on Charleston County will be remembered forever.

HARRIET TUBMAN MONUMENT

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the unveiling of the Harriet Tubman Monument in Beaufort County and to highlight Beaufort's rich history in the fight for freedom and equality. This monument stands as a powerful tribute to a remarkable woman whose courage and dedication to liberty continue to inspire all of us today.

Harriet Tubman's legacy is deeply woven into the fabric of our Nation's history and even in Beaufort County. She led countless enslaved individuals to freedom through the Underground Railroad, embodying the very essence of bravery and resilience.

Beaufort County is steeped in history from the establishment of the Penn Center, one of the first schools for freed slaves, to its strategic importance during the Union occupation. This area became a sanctuary for those seeking freedom and education, and it continues to be a symbol of resilience and progress.

The monument in Beaufort County not only honors Harriet Tubman's extraordinary achievements but also serves as a reminder of the enduring fight for justice and freedom. I commend the efforts of the local community historians, artists, and activists who have worked tirelessly to bring this project to fruition. Their dedication ensures that future generations will learn about Harriet Tubman's incredible contributions and the profound impact she had on our country.

In fact, one night during the Civil War, Harriet Tubman rescued over 700 slaves in Beaufort County. Harriet Tubman has had an extraordinary impact on South Carolina.

CONGRATULATING DORCHESTER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH CENTER

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Dorchester County Consolidated Dispatch Center on its remarkable strides to improving 911 response times amid our community's rapid growth, particularly this week when we had a tornado hit Dorchester County.

This state-of-the-art facility is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our local officials and emergency services personnel who tirelessly strive to ensure the safety and well-being of all of our residents.

I would like to extend a special recognition to Tristan Proctor, director of

Dorchester County Emergency Management, and Mario Formisano, deputy administrator for Public Safety for Dorchester County. Their leadership and vision have been instrumental in addressing the challenges facing the old facility, which was not built to withstand significant tropical storm-force winds or seismic activities, and it also lacked adequate space.

I commend the leadership of Dorchester County for their vision and their commitment to public safety.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOHNNY WACTOR

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Johnny Wactor, who has sadly passed away.

Johnny was a beloved actor known for his compelling performances on "General Hospital" where he touched the lives of many with his talent and his dedication.

Johnny's portrayal of Brando Corbin resonated deeply with fans and brought joy, drama, and depth to the show. His ability to convey complex emotions and connect with audiences was truly remarkable, making him a cherished figure in the world of daytime television.

Beyond his on-screen presence, Johnny was known for his kindness and generosity off the set. He was a friend to many, always willing to lend a hand or a listening ear. His passing is a profound loss to all who knew him and to the countless fans who admired his work.

Today, as we remember Johnny Wactor, we are also reminded of the incredible talent that emerges from the Lowcountry in South Carolina. Johnny's success story is a testament to the creativity and dedication that thrive in our region. His journey from the Lowcountry to the national stage serves as an inspiration to many aspiring artists in our community.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 25 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FLOOD) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Lord, the God of our ancestors, the eternal one who saw our forebears through times of global unrest and the devastations of war, are You not still

the God who is in Heaven? Do You not still rule over all the kingdoms? Are You not sovereign over all the nations?

Power and might are in Your hands, and we call upon Your strength in our day. As nations war against nations and peoples have risen up against peoples, use Your sway to intervene in the conflicts between Israel and Hamas, Ukraine and Russia. Intervene in the disputes where we have resorted to violence in our hatred for each other.

We dare ask that You judge both the righteous and the unrighteous, weigh every deed on Your scale, that justice would prevail. Exact fitting punishment on the evildoers. And may Your mercy be a source of joy to the blameless.

In You alone do we find hope. Only when You intervene and bring an end to our warring madness, as You have done in the past, will we find peace.

O God in Heaven, establish Your rule over all the kingdoms. Reveal again Your sovereignty over all nations. Once more let Your justice roll like a river and Your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

In the power and might, the justice and mercy, the peace and love found only in Your name do we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the Chamber the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. WENSTRUP) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WENSTRUP led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNIZING FLAG DAY

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

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, there are things that we do in our lives each and every day that become so routine. There are things that become so rote as we go about them, and often that includes our Pledge of Allegiance.

Tomorrow is Flag Day. As we pledge our loyalty to this flag, think about what she has stood for. Think about where she has been: from the home of Betsy Ross to the streets of Concord, to the fields of Gettysburg, to the rocks of Iwo Jima, to the tundra of Korea, to the jungles of Vietnam, and to the deserts of the Middle East.

She has stood in our front yards. She has stood on the Moon. She has been

sadly placed over coffins and proudly raised at the Olympics. She is posted on the sides of humanitarian aid packages. She flies through the air. She sails across the seas. She marches over the land. She has stood for freedom in places around the world until freedom could stand on its own two feet.

Evildoers have feared her. Those in need have prayed for her arrival. She has always stood for exceptionalism, and for that, we do not apologize.

REINSTATE BANS ON MILITARY-STYLE WEAPONS AND HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES

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

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Gun Violence Awareness Month.

I am proud to represent Virginia's Seventh District. In the Commonwealth, we know far too well the horrors of gun violence that impact our communities.

From our universities to our Walgreens, to our playgrounds, to our walking paths, to our elementary schools, people across our Commonwealth and the rest of the country have been impacted by acts of gun violence that forever change lives.

I am a former Federal agent. I used to carry a gun every single day. I know what it is to be a responsible gun owner, and I also know that background checks are proven to help law enforcement keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a danger to themselves and others.

We must ensure that we have background checks on all firearm purchases. I know that Congress must reinstate a ban on the manufacturing, sale, and transfer of military-style weapons and high-capacity magazines, and I urge Speaker Johnson to bring these measures forward.

RECOGNIZING PINE CREEK SEED FARM

(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 recognize Chris and Jenni McCracken from Clinton County, as their business, Pine Creek Seed Farm, was honored as the Eastern Pennsylvania Family-Owned Small Business of the Year for 2024 by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Eastern Pennsylvania District Office.

Pine Creek Seed Farm stands out with its comprehensive range of seed processing, mixing and blending, and distribution services. These services are uniquely tailored to customer specifications to ensure the delivery of high-quality seed at every stage in the distribution chain.

Family-owned small businesses like Pine Creek Seed Farm are the cornerstone of communities throughout Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District and play a central role in building a strong community, Commonwealth, and country.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Pine Creek Seed Farm on receiving this well-deserved award and thank them for their contribution to our community and to rural America.

It is my honor to represent family-owned small businesses such as Pine Creek Seed Farm in the Halls of Congress as the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture.

CELEBRATING LAKE COMO

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Fort Worth's own Lake Como community for winning the celebrated Neighborhood of the Year award.

This is a neighborhood that I know well because this is the neighborhood that my family was raised in.

This recognition is given out by the nonprofit Neighborhoods USA, an organization that awards neighborhoods and communities that love where they live.

The Lake Como community is an amazing community that has been a part of Fort Worth for decades and decades now, a community with attorneys, with retired teachers, with servicepeople, a variety of different professions that really make this west Fort Worth community amazing.

We do an annual Fourth of July parade that is attended by thousands. Sometimes, you would be sitting on your porch, like I would sit on my grandmother's porch, and somebody may come by on horseback in the middle of one of the Nation's largest cities. That is the type of community it is.

It is a community with dozens of churches and other civic organizations that make them worthy of this award.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lake Como on getting this award because it is well deserved.

CONGRATULATING TROY WHITESIDE, JR.

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Troy Whiteside, Jr., who just graduated from Cornell Law School.

Troy graduated from Webb School of Knoxville in 2015 and went on to Cornell University where he played basketball all 4 years and was a 4-year letterman.

Troy graduated with degree in hospitality and took his skills to Las Vegas to work in the hospitality and gaming industry, and he was a champion there.