

school, his family, and his community very proud, and I can't wait to see what he does next. He is the reason why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is the birthplace of champions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VALDOSTA STATE MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

(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 congratulate the Valdosta State men's tennis team on their recent national championship.

The Blazers tennis team had an impressive season. They finished the year with an overall record of 26-3. In conference play, the team finished 8-1 and were named the Gulf South Conference champions.

At the Division II National Championships Festival in Orlando, Florida, Valdosta State battled for the chance to earn their third national title in school history.

After beating Flagler College 4-3 in the final match, the Blazers earned the title of national champions as well as the number one team ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Boruch Skierkier, Rodrigo Carvalho, Takeshi Taco, and Luca Mack also earned Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division II All-American honors.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Head Coach John Hansen and the entire men's tennis team on an outstanding season and a national championship.

COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

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

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, last week, I traveled with my colleagues to Normandy to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the battle that turned the tide of World War II and led to the defeat of the Nazis.

I met 100-year-old Air Force Tech Sergeant Chuck Richardson from my State of North Carolina, who flew 35 combat missions including on D-Day. He was a real hero.

We saw rows and rows of white crosses and Stars of David marking the graves of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in that terrible battle.

We were reminded of the fragility of democracy and the dangers of tyrants who disregard the rule of law.

Today, democracies around the world are under attack and authoritarian regimes are rising.

D-Day proved that brave Americans working together could save the free world.

We must put partisan divides aside and, once again, provide the leadership the world so desperately needs.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSFUL AND IMPACTFUL CAREER OF AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BROOKS KEEL

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the successful and impactful career of Augusta University President Brooks Keel, who is retiring after more than 14 memorable years in the university system of Georgia.

Dr. Keel arrived at Augusta University during a defining moment for the future of the institution in July 2015, and his tenure has been defined by his steadfast leadership and commitment to the success of the university and its students.

As President, Dr. Keel ushered in 8 straight years of enrollment growth and a 48 percent increase in the University's economic impact on the State of Georgia.

I consider myself blessed to call Dr. Keel a dear friend, and while it saddens us to see this chapter end, I join the community in congratulating him on an extraordinary career and expressing our deepest gratitude for his unwavering dedication.

As Dr. Keel and Tammie embark on a well-deserved retirement, we will continue to follow his example and build on the foundation he established for a brighter future.

In the words of Dr. Keel, go Jags.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

(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, I rise to commemorate National Homeownership Month, a time to reflect on the American Dream of owning a home and what it means for the communities of eastern North Carolina.

Homeownership for communities across the east is the cornerstone of stability and prosperity.

From putting down roots to building wealth, owning a home represents a significant milestone in the lives of Americans.

Through homeownership, we build strong communities and provide stability for families, yet we know there are many challenges.

Affordability remains a concern for many hardworking families. Congress has a duty to ensure that the American Dream of owning a home is alive and well no matter what your background or ZIP Code.

We must double down on our efforts to improve access to affordable housing, especially in rural America.

CELEBRATING PAUL WOJAHN ON HIS 103RD BIRTHDAY

(Mr. FINSTAD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate Paul Wojahn. Paul is a World War II veteran, beloved New Ulm community member, veteran advocate, neighbor, relative, and friend who will celebrate his 103rd birthday next week on June 19.

Paul grew up on a farm near Comfrey, Minnesota, and when he turned 21, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, answering the call to serve his country like many in his family and like so many in the Greatest Generation.

After completing basic training in San Diego, Paul served aboard the USS *Mount Vernon* and was stationed in various locations throughout the Pacific theater, including Okinawa.

When he returned home from the war, Paul worked as a farmer and an excavator and went on to serve as a conservation officer for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for 25 years before retiring in 1983.

Today, Paul is actively involved in several veterans' groups and community organizations. He volunteers with The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and VFW, as well as the Salvation Army and Lion's Club.

Even at 103 years old, Paul continues to live each day to the fullest and finds time to enjoy the little things like a quiet morning catching crappies.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Paul for the many ways he has made southern Minnesota a better place for all of us to call home. We wish him the happiest of birthdays and many more to come.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF PAMELA RICHARDS

(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, I stand before you today to honor one of the Virgin Islands' very own, the recently departed, Pam Richards.

A dedicated public servant, Pam's unwavering service to the Virgin Islands and tireless efforts to enhance our culture and heritage leave behind a legacy and an indelible mark on all us.

Pamela Richards served as Commissioner of Tourism of the Virgin Islands Government, executive director of the 29th legislature of the Virgin Islands, district director of my office, and more recently, she was the interim chief of staff for President David Hall of the University of the Virgin Islands. She served on too many nonprofits and government boards to mention.

Although deeply saddened by her passing, I find comfort in the memories of her: her sarcastic humor, our shared stories of our Virgin Islands ancestors, history, and culture.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Pam, rest well, queen. We will remember her legacy.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JUDGE TIMOTHY H. POGUE

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Judge Timothy Pogue and his dedication to serving the people of Florence and Marion Counties in South Carolina.

Judge Pogue led a career as a distinguished and well-respected attorney, public defender, civil servant judge, husband, and father. His commitment to serving juveniles and those experiencing abuse and neglect soon earned him a reputation as one of the finest jurists in South Carolina.

His public service was felt throughout the community and his leadership made him a role model to many practicing law.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for his devoted service to South Carolina and to the bench. We wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NORTH HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BASE- BALL TEAM

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the North Hollywood High School baseball team for winning their first CIF-Los Angeles City Division I championship by defeating the Banning High Pilots 3-1.

In a competitive and nail-biting championship game, the Huskies overcame a 1-1 tie in the top of the eighth when second baseman Nick Park hit his second triple of the game and produced the winning run.

The Huskies started the season losing six of their first seven games, yet they never gave up. They quickly turned things around and finished the season with a 20-13 record and earned the city title.

What is more admirable is they succeeded without having their own field to practice or play on all season.

I commend Head Coach Eder Tapia and assistant coaches Erik Morante and Daniel Campos for overcoming the on-and-off-the-field challenges as they developed remarkable student athletes and a winning team culture.

We will be rooting for these young, bright men and wishing them all the best next season and beyond.

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SECURE OUR BORDER NOW

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, last week President Biden stated that the border should not be a political issue to be

weaponized. I agree that Americans don't have time for games in Washington, but I think the President should take his own advice.

Since day one of his Presidency, President Biden has been laser focused on rolling back President Trump's policies that were effective in lowering illegal immigration. As a result, we have had nearly 12 million illegal encounters at our border since January of 2021, with this past April being the 38th straight month that encounters at the border have been higher than even the highest month under President Trump.

For 3 years, House Republicans have passed good legislation that would actually secure the southern border and have urged President Biden to work with us on the border crisis, and we have been met with silence. President Biden needs to wake up.

Just this week, CBP and the FBI arrested eight men with ISIS ties in New York, L.A., and Philadelphia who all entered the country through Biden's wide-open southern border. We can't keep pretending this is normal. We need to secure our border now.

CONGRATULATING COLONEL RICH- ARD GOLDENBERG ON HIS RE- TIREMENT

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional career of Schuylerville resident Colonel Richard Goldenberg as he retires from the U.S. Army National Guard after 36 years of distinguished service.

In his 13 years as the public information officer for the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs, he has been the steadfast voice of more than 20,000 men and women serving in the New York National Guard, the Naval Militia, and the New York Guard, where his leadership in community relations and strategic information support has been vital during overseas deployments and disaster response missions.

Colonel Goldenberg's impact on our capital region has extended well beyond his service in the National Guard. As adjutant of Jewish War Veterans Post 105 and commander of the Jewish War Veterans Capital District Council, he has honored a legacy of service and brotherhood, presenting the annual Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award.

Colonel Goldenberg has also been a cherished partner in our efforts to honor veterans, joining me in seeing off hundreds of capital region veterans on Honor Flights to Washington, D.C.

Colonel Goldenberg's legacy of service, leadership, and dedication will continue to inspire each and every one of us. I congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement and wish him Godspeed.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS

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

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, on June 16, the Northwest Youth Corps will celebrate its 40th anniversary. This program, which is headquartered in my district, is the largest Youth Conservation Corps program in the Northwest. For over four decades, it has given over 27,000 teenagers and young adults the opportunity to participate in conservation stewardship in Oregon, Idaho, and Washington State.

These teenagers and young adults work to improve our lands and waters, which helps to reduce the potential for catastrophic wildfires and maintain our outdoor recreational assets.

The Northwest Youth Corps, which is well known nationally for its innovation and quality, was recently awarded \$12 million from the Inflation Reduction Act to improve urban tree canopies and make urban forests more resilient to climate change across the Northwest.

I am proud to celebrate the Northwest Youth Corps on their anniversary and look forward to their continued contributions in our local communities and our forests for years to come.

HONORING JUAN JOSE "JOHNNY" CANALES

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

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Juan Jose "Johnny" Canales, a legend of Tejano music, who died on Thursday at the age of 77.

Johnny was a champion for civil rights, an advocate for veterans, and a musician in his own right, but he was best known as the host of the "Johnny Canales Show," a bilingual variety show that ran for decades in the United States and Latin America.

It helped launch the careers of countless Tejano stars, including Selena Quintanilla, who made one of her live TV performances on the show in 1985.

To his loyal fans, Johnny was best known for his catch phrase: "You got it, take it away," the words of encouragement he would share with all the performers who joined him on stage.

Johnny, you will always be remembered, especially among your loyal fans in south Texas. Johnny, "rest in peace," "que descanse en paz."

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1944 CELEBRATES 80TH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

(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 the Salem High