

## WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, this week was the second anniversary of the ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* in an extreme attack on women's rights in America.

In North Carolina, the aftermath of the *Dobbs* decision has been devastating. In July 2023, North Carolina's Republican majority general assembly enacted a law prohibiting abortion after 12 weeks with few exceptions and mandated in-person, State-directed counseling 3 days before the procedure.

Other States have outlawed abortion and similar reproductive health services altogether. In Alabama, a State Supreme Court ruling has effectively stopped access to in vitro fertilization, or IVF.

I am pro-choice and a committed member of the House Pro-Choice Caucus. I want my daughter to grow up in a world where she has the same rights that her mother and grandmother had for the last 50 years. I will continue working in Congress to restore and protect the right to choose by codifying *Roe v. Wade* into Federal law.

## DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, former President Donald Trump recently told wealthy donors and CEOs that foreign nationals who graduate from U.S. colleges and universities should automatically be given a green card. After doing nothing on immigration reform for 4 years, he is a bit late to the party.

Unlike the former President, I believe that diversity is our strength. That is why I introduced the bipartisan Keep STEM Talent Act in September to provide permanent resident status to international students who have completed advanced STEM degrees from U.S. educational institutions and are interested in continuing their work in the United States. They should automatically be given a green card.

To remain at the forefront of cutting-edge scientific and technological innovation, we should ensure that international students who come to North Carolina for higher education can stay in the United States once they graduate.

This commonsense effort will help ensure that America retains its position as the world leader in science and technology by retaining talented workers in the STEM workforce. Let's get this done in a bipartisan way and move it through this Congress.

## ACCESS TO SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, more than 343,000 households in North Carolina spend over half of their monthly income on rent, leaving too little for other expenses like healthcare, transportation, and groceries. Access to safe and affordable housing is essential to the well-being of working families and individuals in North Carolina and throughout the country.

That is why I am proud to introduce the Keep Housing Affordable Act. The Keep Housing Affordable Act is a cru-

cial solution that incentivizes developers to maintain the affordability of homes for a long time to come.

My bill will bolster and expand the low-income housing tax credit, which currently only requires affordable housing units to remain affordable for 30 years. My bill will provide incentives for units to remain affordable for decades to come.

This will help boost the affordable housing supply, enhance home quality, and create long-term stability for low- and middle-income communities across North Carolina's 13th District. I will keep working to put forth commonsense ideas and solutions to lower housing costs and increase the supply of affordable housing.

## HONORING JOHN WILEY WROTEN, JR.

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

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Wiley Wroten, Jr., Texas' Third Congressional District's Service Academy Nomination Board chairman, upon his retirement after 33 years of service to our nomination board.

John Wroten began his life of service as a member of the Naval Academy class of 1965, and after a 13-month tour of duty in Vietnam, he completed his military service as a captain in the Marine Corps. John became a vice president at H. Ross Perot's Electronic Data Systems, where he also met his wife, Leahray.

Throughout his life, John has made considerable contributions to our district and State by leading the development of the Legacy Town Center, by serving as chairman of the Plano Chamber of Commerce, and by serving as a board member of the Plano and Allen campuses of the Texas Health Resources Hospital.

Of particular note is his service as chairman of the McKinney National Airport. John was instrumental in transforming it from a small, local airport into a significant economic driver for McKinney.

Additionally, John served as a board member for the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City where he spearheaded the museum's mission of preserving and interpreting the culture of the American West.

Mr. Speaker, 33 years ago, John accepted the responsibility for chairing the Texas Third District Nomination Board. Three consecutive Congressmen have depended on John's wisdom, experience, and commitment to excellence as they endeavored to select and guide young men and women aspiring to serve our Nation in the United States' service academies.

John's dedication to his community and country exemplifies the best of American patriotism and service to others. With great respect, I commend

John Wiley Wroten, Jr., for his 33 years of exemplary service, dedication, and effective contributions. I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to John and Leahray as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. May God bless them both for their selfless service and dedication to our community and country.

## RECOGNIZING SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute our soldiers of tomorrow, the service-bound academy students of the Third Congressional District of Texas. This district of Texas is home to some of the best and the brightest young people, and it is always an honor to recommend such fine students to our Nation's service academies. I am confident that they are ready to join the premier service academies and ultimately serve with the best of the United States Armed Forces.

This year, Texas' Third District is going to send six cadets to the United States Military Academy, two midshipmen to the United States Naval Academy, four cadets to the United States Air Force Academy, three midshipmen to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, two candidates to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, one candidate to the United States Military Academy Civil Preparatory School, one candidate to the Naval Academy Preparatory School, and two candidates to the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

To these 15 appointees and 6 preparatory candidates, God bless them. God bless America. I salute them.

To the United States Military Academy: Jack Alexander Clutter, David Ross Graham, Chelsie Son, Samantha Jean Tillson, Jayden Prescott Walker, and Nicholas David Yarad.

To the United States Naval Academy: Pope Akanna and Duncan Keith Sullivan.

To the United States Air Force Academy: Jonah Rae Aron Bowman, Julia Chang, DeSean Caleb Davis, and Jalen Joshua Davis.

To the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Timothy Maximilian Koepl, Rhett Ownby Sawyer, and Parker Lenwood Tinsley.

To the United States Military Academy Preparatory School: Nathan Ooreoluwa Adejokun and Khristian L. Turner.

To the United States Military Academy Civil Preparatory School: Blake Ryan McKenna.

To the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School: Nickole Sophia Rios.

To the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School: Taylor Rae Carroll and Corbin Benzi Glass.

I congratulate each of them.

## HONORING TERRI LEGIERSKI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. KENNEDY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, on February 19, 2024, western New York, the Communications Workers of America, and organized labor lost a towering figure: Terri Legierski.

Terri was a prominent member of CWA Local 1133 in Buffalo. She served as the legislative and political director, working tirelessly to further the ideas of union advocacy and workers' rights across the region, the State, and the Nation.

Terri was widely known for her energy and positivity in the fight for the labor movement. She was passionate and endlessly dedicated to the cause. Her work wasn't limited just to words, although she had no qualms in telling you what was on her mind.

It was also evident in her actions. Terri was committed to making things better for the next generation of workers, and she refused to take "no" for an answer.

As an elected official, I had the honor of knowing Terri for many years, and I had the privilege of calling her my friend. With Terri, you knew that she was going to fight until the end, and that extended to the political arena. If she believed in a candidate and their values, she was going to do everything in her power to ensure that they won.

She helped to form the political landscape of western New York from city councils to mayors, town boards to supervisors, county legislators and executives, State assembly members and Senators, and Members of Congress.

Whether it was a reception, a rally, or a picket line, Terri could work a crowd better than anyone. She was not the tallest person, but finding her was never a struggle because she would be front and center with a beaming smile and always dressed to impress in her CWA red.

I vividly remember her outside Mercy Hospital in south Buffalo during the Catholic Health strike, fighting with every ounce of strength she could muster to make sure that the workers' demands were heard loud and clear, and you know what? They were, with the workers soon after coming to a hard-fought and well-deserved agreement with the hospital system, ensuring not just fair pay and benefits for a hard day's work, but just as importantly, ensuring safer nurse-to-patient ratios because they knew that safe staffing saves lives. It is because of her work securing that contract, Terri Legierski saved lives.

As a former State Senator, one of the highlights of any legislative session was ACA's advocacy days. She would be there with her brothers and sisters in labor, advocating for critical legislation and teaching new members why civic engagement is so important.

Terri and I were always connected in the struggle for workers' rights and better healthcare environments for the workforce, which provided for better outcomes for those that they cared for.

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Whether that is safe patient handling, safe staffing, helping striking

workers get access to unemployment benefits, or raising the minimum wage, if it was good for workers, Terri fought tooth and nail for it. Her track record speaks for itself. Every one of those issues was addressed by the New York State legislature.

In her final months, Terri worked through her illness, never letting the struggle for workers' rights take a back seat to her own needs.

In Terri's last days, she communicated that one of her greatest regrets in passing on was that she would not be there to watch me be sworn in on the floor of the House of Representatives.

However, Terri was very much in this room on May 6. Her spirit continues to be with us and resonates in the work that we do each and every day, as it will be as we carry on her legacy in the fight for workers and for the rights of organized labor everywhere.

She is survived by her husband, Mike; children, Tommy and Megan; daughter-in-law, Veronica; and grandchildren, Landon and Declan.

To Terri's immediate and extended family, all of western New York and supporters of organized labor mourn with you, and we thank you for sharing such a genuine and magnificent soul with us.

The world is a better place because Terri Legierski worked to make it so, and in her memory, we will continue that movement forward. May she rest in peace.

#### CONGRATULATING TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS ON WINNING 2024 COLLEGE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and congratulate the 2024 College Baseball World Series champions, the Tennessee Volunteers.

The Big Orange got the job done last night, capping off a thrilling three-game series win in Omaha to complete a 60-win season and the first number one national seed to win the title since 1999.

Congratulations to Head Coach Tony Vitello, who has led the Volunteers to five straight NCAA tournaments, three College World Series appearances in 4 years, and the program's first-ever national title.

It was truly a team effort to reach this remarkable achievement. I include in the RECORD the names of the players, coaches, and support staff.

#### COACHES

Tony Vitello—Head Coach  
Josh Elander—Associate Head Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

Frank Anderson—Assistant Coach/Pitching  
Richard Jackson—Assistant Coach  
Luke Bonfield—Director of Player Development

Parker Serrano—Student Assistant Coach

#### PLAYERS

Christian Moore

Ariel Antigua  
Alex Perry  
Cannon Peebles  
Bradke Lohry  
Nate Snead  
Dylan Dreiling  
Hunter Ensley  
Cal Stark  
Billy Amick  
Ethan Payne  
Reese Chapman  
Charlie Taylor  
JJ Garcia  
Dalton Bargo  
Robin Villeneuve  
AJ Causey  
Andrew Behnke  
Colby Backus  
Kavares Tears  
Dean Curley  
Blake Burke  
Chris Stamos  
Aaron Combs  
Brady Robertson  
Stone Lawless  
Austin Hunley  
Drew Beam  
AJ Russell  
Derek Schaefer  
Kirby Connell  
Blake Grimmer  
Dylan Loy  
Hunter High  
Camden Bates  
Luke Payne  
Marcus Phillips  
Matthew Davis  
Brayden Sharp  
Zander Sechrist

#### SUPPORT STAFF

Quentin Eberhardt—Director of Baseball Sports Performance  
Sean McCann—Video Coordinator  
Zach Stovall—Director of Analytics  
Jeff Wood—Associate Director of Sports Medicine-Baseball  
Chad Zurcher—Director of Baseball Operations  
Adam Low—Assistant Director of Baseball Operations

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, what a way to make Tennessee proud. I congratulate the 2024 Tennessee Volunteers. The kings of college baseball reside on Rocky Top.

#### PROTECTING THE UNBORN

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday marked 2 years since the Supreme Court decision that restored the right to life for so many individuals. Since the Dobbs v. Jackson decision, an estimated 200,902 unborn children's lives have been protected. This is a tremendous achievement.

Despite these major milestones in the fight to protect the lives of the unborn, Democrats across this country continue their efforts to allow for limitless abortions and their disgusting desire to make America one of the most pro-abortion countries in the entire world.

It is no secret. They are saying the quiet part out loud.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats plan to abolish the Senate filibuster and pass legislation to ban States from having laws that protect unborn children and mandate all-trimester abortion in every State up until the moment a baby is born. This is unconscionable.

Thankfully, Tennesseans agreed and took decisive action to protect children. Since the Volunteer State's pro-