

Trixie was a beloved wife to Dan; a devoted mother to Marcus and Amy; a cherished grandmother to Noah, Aurora, and Gabriel; and a dear friend to so many.

Originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, Trixie moved to the Roanoke Valley in 1979. She served with enthusiasm as a member of the Virginia Tourism Board. As an activist and tireless organizer, she was always sincere, warm, dedicated, and an absolute delight to work with.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Trixie Averill. She diligently and effectively served her God, community, family, and Virginia's Sixth Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
SOCCER TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Glenvar High School girls' soccer team on winning the 2024, VHSL, Class 2 State championship, their second State title in the last 3 years.

After working hard all season, the team left it all on the field and beat Clarke County High School after four periods of overtime. Finishing the season with an impressive record of 21-0-1, there is no doubt that these girls earned this season and their championship.

I would like to recognize each of the outstanding players of this team, including Giuliana Stanley, who won the VHSL Class 2 Player of the Year, I recognize Chloe Childers, Sophie Childers, Lauren Claud, Madelaine Frackelton, Annie George, Campbell Hardin, Adalee Harvey, Logann Meadows, Megan Pomerleau, Brooke Smyth, Avery Steger, Davin Tate, Caitlin Underwood, Anna Vecellio, and Sawyer Wilson. As the head coach for 3 years, Coach Kyleigh Drew won the VHSL Coach of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, again, I congratulate the 2024 Glenvar High School girls' soccer team. Virginia's Sixth Congressional District is incredibly proud of their accomplishment, and I wish them continued success in the seasons ahead.

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CONGRATULATING ISRAEL HAIRSTON

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the outstanding achievements of Israel Hairston from Vinton.

A standout graduate of William Byrd High School, Israel's leadership on the football field and in academics is truly commendable. He not only brought home the school's first regional football title but also earned the prestigious title of Class 3 Virginia High School League Foundation Achievement Award Scholar Athlete of the Year for his exemplary high school career.

Israel's commitment to excellence and dedication is further exemplified by his upcoming enrollment in Virginia Tech to play football for the Hokies.

I congratulate Israel on a job well done and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PROTECTING ELECTION INTEGRITY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a pressing issue that poses a direct threat to the integrity of American elections.

While the left has made baseless claims of a stolen 2016 election due to alleged foreign interference, they neglect the real peril of foreign meddling through noncitizen voting in our elections.

Under the Biden administration's leadership for the past 3 years, we have witnessed an alarming surge of over 9.6 million illegal immigrant encounters, with certain States even granting driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

To safeguard the integrity of American elections, we must pass the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, or SAVE Act. This vital legislation requires States to verify proof of citizenship during voter registration for Federal elections.

It is simply common sense that only U.S. citizens should vote in Federal elections. However, the left seems to care more about noncitizens' ability to vote over upholding the rights of American citizens. While they prioritize their agendas, we are committed to safeguarding election integrity.

Let us uphold the bedrock principles of our democracy and protect the voices of the American people.

CONGRATULATING GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS'
SOCCER TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Glenvar High School boys' soccer team on their remarkable victory in the 2024 Virginia High School League Class 2 State championship, their second State title in a row.

They had a flawless 22-0 record this year and an outstanding 18 shutouts, including a streak of 10 consecutive shutouts.

These talented student athletes include Jake Williams, who was named VHSL Class 2 Player of the Year, Grayson Shepherd, Jackson Jones, Alan Vu, Kees Van Gerven, Gavin Miller, Tyler Curfiss, Zach Curfiss, Levi King, Seth Nichols, Heath Russell, Kian Fisher, Luke Farmer, Jax Boling, Avery McClanahan, Cooper Mullins, Bryce King, Dylan Ludlow, Griffin Geddes, Adam Saunders, Alex Rotkamp, Aidan Hylton, Zach Adams, Evan Harris, Ryder Francisco, Wesley Feliciano, Connor Magruder, and Tyler Shannon.

Their continued success is a testament to a winning culture led by Head Coach Josh Jones, head coach for 4 years and VHSL Class 2 Coach of the Year.

I congratulate the 2024 Glenvar Highlanders boys' soccer team on this incredible achievement. It is an honor to have such a program in Virginia's Sixth Congressional District. I wish them the best for many seasons to come.

HONORING CORPORAL MATTHEW
A. WYATT

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

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the late Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt.

After graduating from high school in June 2001, Corporal Wyatt made the courageous decision to serve his country. He joined the Marine Corps, where he was based at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina before deploying to Iraq.

On December 3, 2004, Corporal Wyatt gave his life to stop an enemy attack on his base. He was only 21 years old.

Corporal Wyatt bravely acted without hesitation to save the lives of his fellow servicemembers. I know the impact the loss of a loved one can have on a bereaved family, the Gold Star family that continues to mourn the loss of their fallen hero: his father, Marine Gunnery Sergeant Alan Wyatt; his mother, Verlone; and his entire family and their proud three-generation history of military service.

Corporal Wyatt's stepmother, Lauren, works in my district office, helping ensure that veterans and military families in my district get the care they need. In her work, she honors Corporal Wyatt's service and sacrifice for our country.

To pay tribute to Corporal Wyatt's sacrifice, I am proud to cosponsor Representative BOST's legislation to rename the United States post office in his hometown of Millstadt, Illinois, in Corporal Wyatt's honor.

I thank Representative BOST for his efforts and for the beautiful remarks he made about Matt on the House floor this morning.

While no act of gratitude will ever be enough to fill the void left by Corporal Wyatt's absence, I hope this small but meaningful gesture will comfort his loved ones and remind them that his sacrifice will not be forgotten.

HONORING DONALD N. LORENZ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. LESKO) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my late father, Donald N. Lorenz.

My dad was such a positive influence in my life. He worked hard, was honest, and helped other people. My dad left early every morning to go to work. He worked hard. He really cared about his work, was loyal to the Kohler Company, where he worked, and really cared about the men who worked under his leadership.

My dad was a skilled woodworker. He not only carved the patterns for engines and plumbing fixtures but also carved the intricate design for the entry sign into the Kohler Company itself. He made and carved furniture that our family still uses today and

built buildings and things almost to the day he died. My husband still uses the woodworking skills he learned from my dad.

My dad passed away in 2006. It was before I ran for the Arizona House of Representatives in 2008, and it was before I was sworn into Congress in 2018.

I wish my dad was alive, not only because I love him but because I wish he would have seen what I have accomplished. I know that he and my mom gave me the skills I needed to accomplish what I did.

I thank my dad for being a great father to me and for being a great grandfather to my kids. I love him and always will.

HONORING ROGER F. LORENZ

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my brother, Roger F. Lorenz.

Roger is my older brother. He set a good example for me while I was growing up. He studied hard in school, worked during the summer, and got really good grades in school.

While he was going to college, he would work nights—I mean, all night long into the wee morning—to pay the bills and went to college during the day. It was tough. He did well for himself and for his family. He was a manager for major companies selling huge mining equipment and machines.

Roger is a good husband, father, and grandfather. He is also a good brother to me. I can't believe it has been over 6 years since I was sworn into Congress in this very place. My brother Roger made sure he was here to show me his support.

I thank Roger for all the positive things he has done for me throughout my life. He has played a positive role in my success.

HONORING DONNA M. LORENZ

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my sister, Donna M. Lorenz. Donna is my younger sister, and she has always been there for me. I was often her babysitter when she was young.

One time, we were watching scary movies on a Friday night when our parents were gone, and we heard a sound in the basement. We went down the basement stairs, and we were scared out of our minds. If somebody was actually recording it, they would have had a good laugh.

We did lots of homework together. I helped her memorize things for tests at school, and I didn't think she thought it was very fun at all.

When I left my abusive ex-husband about 31 years ago, I was really having a difficult time. Donna dropped everything. She flew out to live with me and support me. Donna has always been there for me through the ups and downs. I love my sister.

As I near the end of my term as a Congresswoman, I thank my sister, Donna, for all she has done for my life.

HONORING PORT CHICAGO 50

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from

California (Mr. DESAULNIER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to recognize the upcoming 80th anniversary of the Port Chicago explosion and to honor and seek justice for the Port Chicago 50, an incident that led President Harry Truman at the time to desegregate the United States Navy.

On Monday, July 17, 1944, at 10:18 p.m., disaster struck. Crewmembers were working in shifts around the clock to load munitions onto newly built ships so they could be sent off to fight in the Pacific in World War II. This explosion ripped through the shipyard at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine, about 18 miles northeast of San Francisco.

The explosion killed or wounded 710 people, 435 of whom were African-American sailors. This was the deadliest homefront disaster of World War II. This explosion was felt in downtown San Francisco as windows shook, and people thought there was an earthquake.

In another blow to the survivors, 50 of the brave enlisted men, all of whom were African American, refused to return to the unsafe working conditions that led to the explosion. They were discriminately convicted of mutiny.

Those men are now known as the Port Chicago 50. They were heroes, not traitors, who deserve to be fully exonerated 80 years later.

Indicative of the discriminatory practices and segregation policies at the time, all the enlisted men loading ammunition at the site were African Americans while all the officers were White. None of the African-American ammunition loaders were formally trained in the safe handling of munitions, as opposed to the Teamsters on the West Coast, who were White and properly trained.

After the explosion, the survivors were in a state of shock, troubled by the vivid memory of the horrible explosion in which so many of their friends had died. The day after the explosion, about 200 of the Black enlisted men helped with the cleanup operation.

One survivor recalled: "I was there the next morning. We went back to the dock. Man, it was awful. That was a sight. You would see a shoe with a foot in it. . . . You would see a head floating across the water, just the head, or an arm, bodies. Just awful."

"Everybody was scared," another survivor recalled. "If someone dropped a box or slammed a door, people began jumping around like crazy."

Many of the Black survivors expected to be granted survivors' leave before being reassigned to regular duty. Those leaves were never granted for the African-American sailors, not even for the men who had been hospitalized.

All the African-American sailors were sent back to work, loading ammunition under the same officers as before, but White officers were allowed to go home for 30-day leaves.

As the men marched to go back to work 3 weeks after the incident at another dock, they knew that, at a certain junction in the road, if they were ordered to turn right, they were going to the parade ground, but if they were ordered to turn left, they were going to continue to load munitions, just like they were 3 weeks earlier.

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At the moment the sailors were ordered to go left, and they all stopped, one of the officers asked the sailor, Joseph Small, the lead African American, why they stopped. He responded to the White officer: We are scared, sir.

Mr. Speaker, 328 of the sailors followed him and refused to return to work, 258 were imprisoned as a result, and 50 were later charged with conspiring to make mutiny. This was not mutiny. There was no active rebellion, revolt, or coordinated effort to overthrow a command as required by law. It was men who, after having to witness and even clean up the bloody aftermath of this explosion, feared for their lives and were being forced to return to the same unfair conditions and to worry every day whether they would be next.

Thurgood Marshall, who ultimately became involved in their trial on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay for the Port Chicago 50, once said: "What's at stake here is more than the rights of my clients; it's the moral commitment stated in our Nation's creed."

This quote rings even more true today, 80 years later. By not taking action to exonerate these brave men, we are reaffirming the discriminatory action taken against them 80 years ago. By refusing to stand up for their innocence, we are sanctioning the discrimination they faced 80 years ago. It is long past time that we right this historical injustice and officially clear the record.

COMMEMORATING THE ISLAND PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to commemorate the longstanding and storied traditions of the Island Park Volunteer Fire Department.

The Island Park Fire Department was started 100 years ago when a group of young men in Island Park gathered together at a local pub and decided that they needed a fire department as they planned to incorporate 2 years later what would become the village of Island Park. At that meeting they elected their first chief, Hubert Miele.

Over the last 100 years, the Island Park Fire Department has seen its fair share of ups and downs. We lost one of our members on the battlefields in World War II, Charles Talbot, Jr.