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Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as the world watches the Paris Summer Olympics begin, Pennsylvania is sending our very best, and I am not just talking about our athletes.

From Berks County, Pennsylvania, GK Elite Sportswear has made Team USA women's gymnastics uniforms, bringing a piece of fabric from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Paris.

Of course, the stars of the Olympics are the competitors, women and men with awe-inspiring, singular dedication and discipline.

Three-quarters of the United States women's field hockey team are Pennsylvanian, including three residents of my home, Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District: Ashley Sessa from Schwenksville, Phia Gladieux from Oley, and Meredith Sholder from Fleetwood.

On the men's USA swim team, Chris Guiliano from Douglassville will be competing in the 50-, 100-, and 200-meter freestyle events.

I congratulate and wish good luck to: Ashley, Phia, Meredith, Chris, and all the hardworking, talented athletes representing Team USA in the games in Paris. They are the very best of us. Once again, Montgomery County and Berks County, Pennsylvania, are leading the way.

LOCAL COLORADO NEWSPAPER CLOSINGS

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

Mr. LOPEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and dedication of local newspapers to the communities of Colorado's Eastern Plains. The Burlington Record, Burlington Plains Dealer, and Lamar Ledger have kept citizens of eastern Colorado informed for over 100 years. It is an honor to celebrate their achievements today. Sadly, all three newspapers will be closing their doors at the end of this week.

Established in 1888, 1905, and 1907 respectively, the Burlington Record, Burlington Plains Dealer, and Lamar Ledger have consistently provided plainspoken, accurate, and even-handed reporting and resources for their communities.

Upholding the highest journalistic standards, they have reported on some of the most influential moments in our country's history from the Great Depression to the world wars to 9/11, covering births, graduations, deaths, and local triumphs. They have covered 20 Presidential Inaugurations, watched 28 Colorado Governors take office, and existed before the district that I represent was even created. To say that these newspapers were ingrained in the local communities they served would be an understatement.

Local journalism has long served as the bedrock of American society. Responsible for not just educating their local community but highlighting local stories, they offer an experience more personal to citizens in Prowers or Kit Carson County. The closure of these institutions will certainly impact the communities of eastern Colorado.

I thank each talented staff member for their many years of service to their neighbors. The Burlington Record, Burlington Plains Dealer, and the Lamar Ledger will be missed.

RECOGNIZING BIPOC MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

(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 BIPOC Mental Health Awareness Month.

As the co-chair of the bipartisan Mental Health Caucus and as a proud Latina myself, I know how important it is to bring culturally relevant, multilingual mental health resources directly to our communities.

Between cultural differences, stigma, and language barriers, it makes it so hard for folks to receive potentially lifesaving mental health care.

Growing up, I watched my sister fight her battle in complete silence, pushing through her pain until it was so great that she attempted suicide, something that no family should ever have to experience.

Her story is like so many others across the Nation. BIPOC and Tribal people face lower rates of mental health treatment yet face higher rates of attempted suicide—22 percent for Hispanic and Latino youth.

This is totally unacceptable, and I am committed to working across the aisle to find evidence-based solutions and to prioritize policies that will make mental health care more accessible and affordable.

Not just in July but every single day of the year, we must ensure that our BIPOC neighbors and loved ones have access to these resources and know that they are not alone in this fight. Together, we will end the stigma around mental health and put an end to this crisis.

SECRET SERVICE FAILURES

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, like many of the Tennesseans I represent, I was relieved to learn that Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle resigned on Tuesday.

We all watched as she refused to answer very simple questions at a House Oversight hearing this week. She did, however, confirm what we already knew, that a significant operational failure occurred on July 13.

Ms. Cheatle did not offer an explanation as to why the former President was allowed on stage after the agency was notified multiple times about a suspicious person. She did confirm that the roof from which the shooter acted was identified as a possible vulnerability days before the rally, yet failed to explain why it was not secured.

I support a bipartisan task force to investigate the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump. An armed, would-be assassin with a clear line of sight must never be allowed to get within 150 yards of a Presidential nominee or a former President ever again.

RECOGNIZING OHIO OLYMPIANS

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize not one, not two, but three incredible athletes from Ohio's 13th Congressional District who will represent our country at this year's Olympic Games in Paris: LeBron James, Marcus Christopher, and Steph Curry.

LeBron is a three-time Olympic medalist and the greatest basketball player of all time. We know him fondly as just a kid from Akron.

LeBron will be the first men's basketball player to ever carry the flag in the opening ceremony for Team USA, an incredible honor and a true testament to his passion for his sport, dedication to his community and hometown, and his leadership amongst his teammates and fellow Olympians.

Making his Olympic debut, Steph Curry is a four-time NBA champion and two-time NBA MVP.

Both LeBron and Steph were born in the same Akron hospital, giving us the inspiration for the "Birthplace of Champions." I know they will represent us well during the men's basketball game.

Marcus Christopher is a proud product of Canton, Ohio, and at just 21 years old, he is one of the top BMX freestyle riders in the world. He recently earned a gold medal at the X Games in California and looks to repeat this dominance at the Olympics.

These incredible athletes embody the highest levels of perseverance, dedication, and sportsmanship. LeBron, Marcus, and Steph each reflect our district's proud legacy as the Birthplace of Champions, and the entire community and our country is rooting for them and cheering them on, wishing them the best of luck. Go, Team USA.

MYRTLE BEACH CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

(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 inaugural Myrtle Beach

Classic Golf Tournament, which was held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, this past May.

The Grand Strand's first-ever PGA tour event was a monumental success, drawing more than 40,000 spectators, over a thousand volunteers, and 132 players.

On Saturday, May 11, the tournament broke the PGA attendance record for a first-year event, serving as a reminder that Myrtle Beach is, indeed, the golf capital of the world.

I congratulate Chris Gotterup for taking the title of the first-ever winner of the Myrtle Beach Classic, which was also his first-ever PGA title.

I am excited to see the continued success of the Myrtle Beach Classic for years to come.

HONORING DR. NORMAN C. FRANCIS

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

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you with immense pride as we honor a remarkable leader and my mentor, Dr. Norman C. Francis. His commitment to advancing education through social justice transformed Louisiana and had a profound impact on this entire Nation.

As the longest-serving president of Xavier University, my alma mater, Dr. Francis set the gold standard for HBCUs, fostering excellence in higher education. His leadership during the civil rights movement was instrumental in breaking down barriers and fighting for equality.

In 2006, Dr. Francis was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our Nation's highest civilian honor, in recognition of his deep intellect, compassion, and character. His tireless dedication to uplifting others has left a lasting impact on countless lives, including my own.

Today, I ask for support in granting Dr. Norman C. Francis the distinguished Congressional Gold Medal. This honor would celebrate his lifetime of service and his enduring legacy, ensuring that his works continue to inspire future generations.

I thank Dr. Francis' family for letting him be a part of our lives. I thank Dr. Francis for his extraordinary contributions. His legacy will live forever and continue to light our paths toward a more just society.

CELEBRATING JUANITA MORGAN'S 101ST BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Juanita Morgan who celebrated her 101st birthday in Randolph County, West Virginia, on June 1, 2024.

Juanita represents a distinguished group of women, widely known as "Rosie the Riveters," who helped fill the gaps in the industrial labor force in factories and shipyards when our brave soldiers left for World War II. They were known by the slogan, "We Can Do It" as you can see from the three ladies standing behind her in this picture.

She served at the Glenn L. Martin aircraft factory in Baltimore, riveting B-29 airplanes. The B-29 airplane would play a pivotal role in our victory in the war.

Juanita and all the Rosie the Riveters are inspiring individuals who demonstrate their patriotism of their generation as we came together to fight the forces of fascism in Europe and the Pacific.

Randolph County is hosting a special event on August 10 to honor all of the West Virginia Rosie the Riveters and their families.

I congratulate Juanita on a life well lived as she celebrates her 101st birthday and wish her continued good health.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH

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

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of efforts to rein in deepfakes. This country, and especially our children, are in the middle of a mental health crisis.

In 2021, 22 percent of high school students seriously considered attempting suicide, including nearly one in three girls. It is reported that 10 percent of high school students actually attempted suicide, and these trends have been going in the wrong, tragic direction for years.

Now deepfakes are exacerbating these problems. Revenge porn wasn't a thing when I was in high school, but now AI allows anyone to create a pornographic image with the click of a button.

AI is also being used to improve our mental health response. Lifeline 988 volunteers are trained on artificial intelligence chatbots before interacting with individuals actually in crisis.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus and Suicide Prevention Task Force chair, I have long been engaged in efforts to improve resources like 988 and their ability to address the mental health crisis.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to tackle the current youth mental health crisis. In different ways it touches every family.

RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAEL BERNARDINO

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

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Michael Bernardino for his extraordinary dedication and service as a high school chemistry teacher for 30 years. Mr. Bernardino, a proud Arizonan, has not only imparted knowledge, but he also has encouraged countless students to pursue their passions.

Beginning his career 30 years ago at Apollo High School and ending his career at North Canyon High School, Mr. Bernardino has been a beacon of excellence and a pillar of his community. His direct, honest, and charismatic style helped him connect with students and often inspired them to be better people and not letting themselves or him down.

Because of his innovative and fun teaching methods along with his unwavering commitment to student success, Mr. Bernardino cultivated students into productive citizens, one of whom worked for me for the last few years.

In his own words Mr. Bernardino shared: "It has been fun, rewarding, exhausting, and sometimes heart-breaking. In short, it has been a career that mimics everyday life in repeating 60-minute blocks."

Mr. Bernardino spent roughly 5,400 days teaching young students, molding minds to be independent thinkers and cultivating good people.

Today, we honor Mr. Bernardino for a remarkable career and express our deepest gratitude for what he did for the community.

HONORING FELICIA MICELI DURING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

(Mrs. RAMIREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my constituent, Felicia Miceli, a dedicated champion seeking to address opioid abuse among our youth.

Her beloved son, Louie Theodore Miceli, loved the outdoors, he was an exceptional friend, he made people laugh, and he was an athlete. He began taking opioids to treat a sports injury. At the age of 24, he died from a heroin overdose.

Since then, Felicia has worked to reduce the epidemic and ensure that other peoples' stories end differently. As the founder and president of LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation, her efforts, including the passing of Louie's Law, protected the youth of DuPage County and beyond. Her commitment has honored her son's memory and has saved lives.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, I commend Felicia Miceli for her dedication to mental health awareness and her relentless pursuit of justice and support for our community.

I congratulate and thank Felicia.