

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary young man, Caleb Gilbert, the world champion of the 86th annual All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, where he represented Harrisonburg, Virginia, to claim first place in the super stock division.

Starting at just 7 years old, Caleb has dedicated countless hours to this sport, logging thousands of miles up and down the East Coast to compete in every kind of weather: rain, shine, and even snow. Last year, he became the national rally point champion in the stock division, racking up an impressive 1,198 points.

His family: his father, Ron; his mother, Mary; and his younger sister, Gracelyn have been his steadfast support, being by his side as he spent hours meticulously assembling and calibrating his car, which was painted to echo the iconic guitar of Eddie Van Halen.

The Soap Box Derby community is full of camaraderie, helping to keep the spirit of this uniquely American tradition alive. Caleb has received mentorship from engineers in the automotive and aviation industries, and he has built lasting friendships with fellow competitors from around the country.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Caleb Gilbert, our all-American Soap Box Derby world champion.

CONGRATULATING THE NORTH CROSS SCHOOL BOYS' TENNIS TEAM WINNING VISAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the North Cross School boys' tennis team from Roanoke, Virginia, for winning the 2024 Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association Division II State championship. This momentous win marks a historic three-peat for the Raiders, who went 16 and 1 this season and now have added a fifth boys' tennis State championship to North Cross School's trophy cabinet.

The roster, consisting of Tyler Bloomfield, Attilio Ciccozzi, Jamey Davis, Jacob Juneau, Christian Lang, George Lugar, Henry Lugar, Shar Nanda, Anderson Ratliff, Sam Schaefer, Paul Schaefer, Nikheel Sherigar, and Abram Sherman, exemplified the values of hard work and perseverance. Their individual and collective achievements serve as a true testament to their commitment to excellence.

I commend North Cross School Head Coach Jim Schaefer and Assistant Coach Ryan Schlachter for their unwavering dedication to nurturing a team of such extraordinary talents.

I want to highlight the remarkable accomplishments of first-team all-State members Henry Lugar and George Lugar, and second-team all-State Jacob Juneau and Tyler Bloomfield.

Madam Speaker, once again, I congratulate the North Cross Raiders boys' tennis team on this incredible ac-

complishment, and I wish them the best for seasons to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF P. BUCKLEY MOSS

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and work of the late Patricia Buckley Moss.

Widely known as P. Buckley Moss, or Pat, she was born and raised in New York where she received fine arts and graphic design degrees. She later moved to Waynesboro, Virginia, in 1964 with her husband and children, and it was here that she drew some of the greatest inspirations for her art, from scenic landscapes with flocks of Canadian geese to the campuses of her alma maters and especially the Mennonite and Amish subjects who became synonymous with Pat's art.

Her paintings perfectly captured the nostalgic feelings of home for so many Shenandoah Valley residents. Her ability to portray these familiar sights in a way that resonated with her audiences earned her the nickname "the people's artist."

Her talents extended to numerous philanthropic efforts, and she became a role model and champion for children's causes. Many local students will remember her visits to their art classes or her yearly invitations to decorate The Barn's Christmas tree with ornaments of their own design.

Through the donations of her art and the P. Buckley Moss Society, over \$2 million have been raised for charities, endowed scholarships, and grants to assist aspiring art students and teachers. Although Pat is no longer with us, her art and generosity will leave a lasting impact on the Sixth Congressional District community.

#### WORLD WAR II GREATEST GENERATION COMMEMORATIVE COIN SALES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, this year the United States Mint began sales of the Greatest Generation Commemorative Coin to support the National World War II Memorial. This initiative was created through legislation I first introduced in 2019, and the President signed into law in 2022.

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There are three unique coin designs available, all emblematic of the service and sacrifice of brave American soldiers and civilians during World War II.

These commemorative coins are sought out by World War II veterans, their families, collectors, and millions of our ordinary citizens. They serve as an important keepsake to honor those who fought valiantly and defended liberty against the forces of tyranny around the globe. They bequeathed liberty to us if we can sustain it.

Although the National World War II Memorial is only 20 years old, the passage of time has left its indelible

marks. Lighting and water systems need to be replaced, discoloration along its fountains has appeared, and cracks have formed.

The National Park Service that oversees the maintenance of the memorial does yeoman's work. The memorial is among the most visited sites in our Nation's Capital, however, approaching over 90 million visitors to date. Yet, the Park Service has an over \$20 billion backlog of other projects, too. The time is now to support this memorial for those still living today and for future generations to come.

As authorized by Public Law 117-162, the sales price of each coin will include a surcharge payable to the Friends of the National World War II Memorial to support the National Park Service to maintain and repair the memorial and for important educational and commemorative programs.

These commemorative coins are on sale now until the end of 2024. The three unique coins available all have methodically designed interpretations.

The \$5 gold coin features a section of the Wall of Stars with an olive branch. Each star on the wall represents 100 Americans who lost their lives in that war. The olive branch represents the peace that followed, thanks to their noble sacrifice. The reverse tail design shows the folded American flag, such as one that would be presented at the funeral of a fallen servicemember.

The \$1 silver coin features six figures working together to support the Earth, illustrating the cooperation of each of our military branches as well as the Merchant Marine. The reverse design features a view from Victory Pavilion in the World War II Memorial. The sculpture depicts four eagles holding a laurel wreath, within which is a globe centered on the Pacific Ocean.

Finally, the half dollar clad coin depicts the memorial from the point of view of a person walking up a ramp leading to one of the towers. The head side re-imagines the Victory Medal that was awarded to all who served in the Armed Forces during World War II. The figure of Liberation stands with open arms holding two halves of a broken sword, symbolizing the war's conclusion.

All surcharges obtained for these commemorative coins will go to the upkeep of this memorial and education about our 20th century's greatest achievement: the victory of liberty over tyranny.

I thank my Senate colleague, Senator MIKE ROUNDS, and the over 300 bipartisan cosponsors in the House for supporting this legislation. If citizens wish to purchase coins, people may visit [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov).

In conclusion, we owe our freedom to the heroes and heroines of World War II. We know clearly tyranny has not left our Earth. The new generations of Americans must understand what life outside America's borders is like.

People call the World War II generation the Greatest Generation. I call

them the most unselfish generation. When they came home, they carried forward the spirit of freedom that drove them to victory over the worst tyrants the world has ever known or confronted.

Those spirits triumphed because they understood what it took to preserve liberty. Thus far, our world has achieved the longest peacetime era among great powers in world history because of them.

#### RECOGNIZING MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD'S 1ST COMBINED ARMS BATTALION

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

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Minnesota National Guard's 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 194th Armor Regiment, as they were recently awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation award, the Superior Unit Award, and the Presidential Unit Citation award. These awards are given to units for heroism and outstanding achievement under extraordinary circumstances.

We all remember the harrowing images of the evacuation of Afghanistan, which took place just 3 years ago. Thirteen American heroes lost their lives, and countless allies were left behind for the Taliban. If not for the 194th, things could have and would have been much worse.

During the evacuation of Kabul, the 1st Combined Arms Battalion rescued over 124,000 American citizens, government employees, and Afghan allies in under 15 days.

This Brainerd, Minnesota-based unit made a difference in the world. Because of them, families were reunited and lives were saved.

As the husband of the Minnesota Air National Guard 148th Fighter Wing's first female command chief, who deployed when she was called upon, I have long recognized the superiority of the Minnesota National Guard. I could not be more proud to represent these exemplary soldiers.

America is blessed to have such courageous patriots in her ranks, and we, in Minnesota, are lucky that they call our State home.

Madam Speaker, I thank the men and women of the 194th Armor Regiment for their service during this infamous time. God bless them all for their sacrifices, and God bless America.

#### OBSERVING ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII FIRES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. TOKUDA) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TOKUDA. Madam Speaker, on August 8, Hawaii gathered to observe the 1-year anniversary of the fires on Maui and in Lahaina.

Today, as Congress reconvenes, I rise to honor and remember the family and

friends that we lost. They are beloved mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, grandparents and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, friends and life partners. Their ages span almost a century, from our youngest "child," "keiki," just 7 years old, to a cherished "elder," "kupuna," aged 97.

Many have lived their entire lives in Lahaina. Others chose to make Lahaina their home, having come from faraway places across the United States and abroad, like the Philippines, Mexico, and Scotland.

Today, I rise to read all 102 of their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. While they are no longer walking amongst us, they will never be forgotten by the family and friends they left behind, by our community, or by this Congress, in whose record their names will be forever remembered:

Louise Abihai  
Laurie Allen  
June Anbe  
Angelica Baclig  
Narciso Baylous, Jr.  
Vanessa Baylous  
Melva "Honey Girl" Benjamin  
Luz Bernabe  
Maurice "Shadow" Buen  
Buddy Joe Carter  
Kirk Carter  
Ediomedes Pavian Castillo  
Rex Cole  
Lydia Coloma  
Salvador Coloma  
Allen John Constantino  
Leticia "Letty" Constantino  
Theresa Cook  
Juan de Leon  
Marilou Dias  
Virginia "Vergie" Dofa  
Bette Jo Dyckman  
Robert Dyckman  
Jeanne Eliason  
Po'omaika'i Estores-Losano  
Keyiro Fuentes  
Alfredo Galinato  
Douglas Gloege  
Donna Gomes  
Michael Gordon  
George Hall III  
Carole Hartley  
Claudette Heermance  
Roxanne Ibara-Hinay  
Rafael Imperial  
Lawrenzo "Buddy" Jantoc II  
Coleen Jones  
Morris Kaita  
Richard Kam  
Mark Kaminsky  
Paul Kasprzycki  
Valerie Kauffman  
Albert Kitaguchi  
Joseph Lara  
Bibiana "Bhing" Lutrania  
Rogelio Mabalot, Sr.  
Michael Mahnensmith  
Lynn Manibog  
Douglas Matsuda-Boucher  
John "Thumper" McCarthy  
Michael Misaka  
Antonia "Toni" Molina  
Michael Morinho  
Tim Nakamoto  
Todd Nakamura  
David Nuesca, Jr.

Carolyn Ono  
Matsuyuki Osato  
Pablo Pagdilao III  
Tau Ponali  
Bernard Portabes  
Gwendolyn Kanani Puou  
Junmark Quijano  
Felimon Quijano  
Sharlene Rabang  
Rebecca Rans  
Alfred "Alfie" Rawlings  
Eugene Recolizado  
Justin Recolizado  
Dale Ann Richter  
Rodolfo Rocutan  
Lee Rogo  
Conchita Sagudang  
Danilo Sagudang  
Edward Sato  
Joseph Schilling  
Anthony "Tony" Simpson  
James Smith  
Leslie Smith  
Jonathan Somaoang  
Floyd St. Clair  
Janet St. Clair  
Freeman Tam Lung  
Terri Thomas  
Carlo Tobias  
Revelina "Rebing" Tomboc  
Fa'aoso Tone  
Malui'fonua Tone  
Salote Tone  
Tony Takafua  
Franklin "Frankie" Trejos  
Nicholas "Nick" Turbin III  
Linda Vaikeli  
Angelita "Angie" Vasquez  
Adela Villegas  
Joel Villegas  
Leroy Wagner  
Clyde Wakida  
Glenda Yabes  
Todd Yamafuji  
Glenn Yoshino

The Maui Police Department also maintains the list of the two people still unaccounted for as of February 13, 2024. They are Robert H. Owens and Elmer Lee Stevens.

As we continue our work to recover and rebuild Lahaina, may the happy memories of those we lost carry our community forward and inspire us to live each day in their honor.

#### HONORING COUNCILWOMAN SONIA MENDEZ

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. DE LA CRUZ) for 5 minutes.

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of an extraordinary leader, Councilwoman Sonia Mendez of Seguin, Texas.

Sonia served on the city council since 2020 and served the city's residents with unwavering dedication. Her courage in the face of ALS was nothing short of inspiring. Even as the disease took its toll, she refused to slow down or let it define her.

Her commitment to District 2 and her community never wavered, showing us the true meaning of service and resilience. Sonia's legacy will live on