

unique talents in preparation for college and life.

The students that Mr. Scott impacted throughout his tenure have excelled in their personal and professional lives in large part due to his mentorship and dedication.

Today, he continues to inspire all who know him, sharing his compassion and dedication to his family, friends, colleagues, and community.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Scott as my former principal and now my friend. The lessons he imparted went beyond academics. They instilled in me the values of integrity, leadership, and perseverance. For that, I am forever grateful and continue to carry his influence with me each and every day.

In retirement, he has cherished the opportunity to spend more time with his beloved family—his wife, his children, his grandchildren, and his four brothers—creating lasting memories with those closest to him while still giving back to the institution he poured his life into.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Robert T. Scott on an inspiring career and the continuation of his commitment to education and the Lasallian tradition as president emeritus of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute.

May St. John Baptist de la Salle pray for us. May Jesus live in our hearts forever. Go St. Joe's Marauders.

REMEMBERING DOMINIC "NICK" BONIFACIO, JR.

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of former Buffalo Common Council Member Dominic "Nick" Bonifacio, Jr., who passed on August 2.

Nick was a hardworking and dedicated leader who made a lasting impact on Buffalo and everyone whose lives he touched.

With deep roots in the city, he was one of three children born to Dominic J. Bonifacio, Sr., and Ruth Boundy Bonifacio. After attending School 77, Nick graduated from Hutch-Tech High School in 1966, where he was a leader on the field and on the court, competing on the baseball team, the cross-country team, and the varsity basketball team.

In college, Nick became involved in mentoring and serving Buffalo youth. He was the director of the Butler Mitchell Boys and Girls Club and worked to create a place for young people to find camaraderie and receive mentorship.

Nick became a recreation instructor for the city of Buffalo in 1996, while also taking on the responsibilities of being the program director and an interim executive director for the Buffalo Police Athletic League.

In 1999, he became a member of the Buffalo Common Council. During his tenure, he fought to make Buffalo better, taking on projects like cracking down on absentee landlords and creating what is now Freedom Park along the Niagara River. Addressing health

concerns, he led a project to install sidewalks and plant vegetation in Buffalo.

While chair of the council's police reorganization committee, and during his time as member of the Peace Bridge advisory panel, he protected residential neighborhoods from commercial expansion.

A baseball player at heart, he was a star pitcher and founded the Butler Mitchell baseball program in 1975. Four years later, he was coaching nine different teams. Nick even filled in when needed at a handful of Buffalo Bisons games. In 2010, as recognition for his love of and service through baseball, he was inducted in the Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame.

Nick leaves behind his brother, Joseph, many loving nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Madam Speaker, he will be missed. May my friend, Nick Bonifacio, rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING TOM DELL OF DELL BROTHERS

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tom Dell, who, with his retirement, will close Dell Brothers, a store in my hometown of Columbus, Indiana.

I am proud to say that Pence family members have been loyal customers for half a century.

Dell Brothers has been at the same location downtown since 1916, where it was originally opened by Tom's grandfather. It was passed down to his father and uncle and then to Tom and his late brother, Mike.

The store has been an institution throughout my life, and I am sorry to see it close. I thank Tom for his work and wish him the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING JEFF CARDWELL FOR HIS SERVICE TO INDIANA

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Cardwell, who has faithfully served our State for many years.

Jeff has become a dear friend of the Pence family, serving as a trusted adviser for my brother, Mike, when he was Governor of the State of Indiana and as I have been here in Congress.

A graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University, Jeff gave back to his community as a member of the Indianapolis City-County Council for 4 years and later served as chairman of the Indiana Republican Party.

Throughout everything, Jeff has shown his passion for helping others, making at least one mission trip to El Salvador every year for decades.

We are blessed to have Jeff in our lives.

RECOGNIZING GRACE NUHFER ON PARALYMPIC SILVER MEDAL

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greenwood native

Grace Nuhfer, who recently won the silver medal for the 100-meter butterfly in the 2024 Summer Paralympics.

Grace has brittle cornea syndrome and swims under the S13 classification, the least severe vision impairment.

Grace represented the United States in the 2023 Parapan American Games in Chile, winning silver for the 50-meter freestyle. She is also a three-time State qualifier during her time at Greenwood High School, and she now attends University of Akron.

Madam Speaker, Grace has made her State and country proud, and it is an honor to recognize her massive achievements.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK THOMPSON

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Frank Thompson, who passed away in July at the age of 84.

Frank never met a stranger and was dedicated to his family, friends, and community. He prioritized economic development throughout his career, serving Franklin County, Batesville, Greensburg, and eventually serving on the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce.

However, his favorite job was as grand ambassador at the Horseshoe Indianapolis in Shelbyville, furthering community outreach and public relations.

We will miss his joy, dedication, and fun political facts, which he never forgot to share.

Madam Speaker, my thoughts and prayers are with his family—my friend, Senator Jean Leising, and their children, Sharon, Jill, Jennifer, and Jeffrey.

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RECOGNIZING GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Governor Eric Holcomb, who has served as Governor of Indiana since 2017. An Indianapolis native and Hanover College graduate, Governor Holcomb is a lifelong Hoosier.

After serving in the U.S. Navy for 6 years, he turned to politics, working for Indiana on staff in the house and the senate and as well as for former Governor Mitch Daniels.

Over his two terms in office, Governor Holcomb has worked to strengthen our economy, infrastructure, education system, and public health.

Under his leadership, we finally completed I-69. This success came from the work of a generation of Hoosier leadership, and Governor Holcomb got it over the finish line.

Today, I am glad to recognize his legacy and thank him for his work in Indiana.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SUZANNE CROUCH

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch for a lifetime of service to Indiana.

A Purdue graduate, she began her political career as a Vanderburgh County

auditor and later was elected to the Vanderburgh County board of commissioners.

She moved into statewide politics, serving as an Indiana State representative, Indiana State auditor, and now as our Lieutenant Governor.

Lieutenant Governor Crouch has prioritized mental health throughout her tenure and is co-chair of the Indiana Mental Health Roundtable and chair of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Task Force.

I am grateful for all Lieutenant Governor Crouch has done for the State of Indiana, and I am even more proud to call her our family friend.

HONORING ANN LURIE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STRONG). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary philanthropist and humanitarian.

A few weeks ago, Chicago lost one of our city's most esteemed benefactors, Ann Lurie. Originally from Florida, Ann chose Chicago, and specifically the Seventh Congressional District, as her home in 1973.

For over 27 years, I have had the honor of representing the nearly 800,000 people in the Seventh District, one of the Nation's largest and most diverse.

Throughout this time, Ann Lurie and her husband, Robert, were steadfast supporters and catalysts for change within our community.

Chicago is a city where people are inclined to do things their way, and Ann was no exception. Her way meant making a profound difference, leaving nearly everything she touched better than she found it.

I had the privilege of knowing and working with Ann for over 40 years. I witnessed firsthand her unwavering dedication to healthcare, education, and social justice. Her impact extended far beyond Chicago, reaching communities around the world.

Ann funded countless initiatives in the Seventh District. Her philanthropic journey began with her roots as a pediatric nurse, which laid the foundation for her lifelong commitment to improving healthcare.

Her transformative \$100 million donation to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago made an indelible mark on our city, creating a beacon of hope and healing for countless children and families and establishing Chicago as a national center of medical innovation and excellence.

Ann profoundly impacted education through her support for institutions like the University of Michigan and Northwestern University by funding scholarships and research programs.

She opened doors for countless students, fostering the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers.

Ann's philanthropy was characterized by personal engagement. She was

not a passive donor but a hands-on advocate, often traveling to see the projects she funded firsthand to ensure her contributions were making the intended impact.

The level of involvement spoke volumes about her character and the sincerity of her mission, making her a truly inspiring figure.

Through the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Foundation, Ann championed global health initiatives from building rural schools in Ethiopia to supporting healthcare infrastructure in Kenya.

Her efforts in Human Rights Watch in the Horn of Africa underscored her commitment to advocating for the often voiceless, ensuring that fundamental human rights and dignities are upheld, even in the most challenging circumstances. Her compassion and humanitarianism were immense, and many of her local contributions had a global impact.

Mr. Speaker, Ann Lurie's philanthropy is a shining example of the profound difference one individual can make in the world.

Her work is a testament to the power of compassion, dedication, and unwavering belief in the potential for positive change.

Her passing is a tremendous loss, not just for the causes she championed but for the lives she touched. She showed us that authentic leadership is about more than what one achieves for oneself. It is also about what one does for others.

We extend our deepest condolences to her family and loved ones as we honor her life, her legacy, and her work.

RECOGNIZING CONSTITUTION DAY

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Constitution Day, which we observed Monday, honoring the bravery and wisdom of the 39 men who signed the supreme law of the land on September 17, 1787, at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

This pivotal document has truly shaped our Nation's history. For over two centuries, the Constitution has guided us, reflecting the vision of our Founding Fathers. It creates a government that is accountable to the people and dedicated to protecting individual rights.

The Constitution lays the foundation for our liberty, ensuring that America remains the freest Nation in the world and secures the God-given rights that we cherish as Americans.

As we reflect on its enduring legacy, let us remember that it embodies the values we uphold as a Nation.

Let this Constitution Day remind us of our sacred obligation to uphold its principles. We are here to serve the American people and protect their liberties, ensuring their rights are preserved for generations to come.

CELEBRATING WFIR RADIO'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate WFIR radio in Roa-

noke, Virginia, on its 100th anniversary.

As the second oldest radio station in Virginia and one of the oldest commercial radio stations in our great Nation, WFIR has been a cornerstone of our community since its founding in 1924.

What began as the passionate hobby of Mr. Frank E. Maddox with his amateur station 3BIY evolved into a vital commercial station, thanks to the vision of the Richardson-Wayland Electrical Corporation.

They recognized the power of radio to connect communities and seized the opportunity to not just sell radios but to enhance the lives of those in our region.

Before WFIR, Roanokers had no reliable radio source during the day and only sporadic signals at night. WFIR changed that reality, delivering a consistent and dynamic voice to the people of Roanoke. Today, it is a trusted source of news, information, and entertainment for countless Virginians.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate WFIR Radio on reaching this remarkable milestone and wish them continued success in the years to come.

CELEBRATING VINTON FIRST AID JUNIOR CREW'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Vinton First Aid Junior Crew on its 50th anniversary.

Back in 1973, nine students from William Byrd High School showed interest in the Vinton First Aid Crew. After attending initial training to become CPR and American Red Cross advanced first aid certified, the Vinton First Aid Junior Crew was officially formed in 1974.

The original charter members, Kenneth Drewery, Gary Honaker, Perry Spangler, Terry Fuqua, Mike Huddleston, Chris Stull, Ralph Hargis, Ray Sloan, and Danny Wood showed us what it means to serve.

These dedicated individuals were recently honored at the 2023 installation and Christmas banquet by the Vinton First Aid Crew and the town of Vinton.

While their paths may have diverged over the years, with many pursuing profound careers in public service, they remain bonded by that shared commitment from their youth. Two members, Chris Stull and Danny Wood, achieved life-member status with the Vinton First Aid crew.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing this incredible milestone. Their dedication to service over 50 years ago set a standard that continues to inspire today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL E. KARNES

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Daniel "Dan" E. Karnes, a dedicated servant to our country and his community.

A proud native of Roanoke, Dan enlisted in the U.S. Army at just 17 years old, completing two tours in Vietnam.

After returning to southwest Virginia, he completed his education and devoted himself to the Department of Veterans Affairs.