

Carolina were seen and heard in Washington, D.C., and not forgotten.

It was essential to champion healthcare, and I am glad North Carolina expanded Medicaid, securing over 3,000 jobs, making healthcare accessible for 95,000 residents, and saving rural hospitals in eastern North Carolina.

I voted to support our community health centers and twice to keep the government open, realizing the devastating impact a shutdown would have on eastern North Carolinians.

I am proud to say our office resolved over 970 constituent cases. We held over 1,000 meetings, returned over \$3 million to families, distributed over \$260 million in grants, and submitted more than \$16 million in community project funding. I crisscrossed our district and visited all 19 counties multiple times hearing from constituents.

We are working to create a brighter future in eastern North Carolina by empowering young leaders, and that is why I visited schools in all 19 counties to talk to students as a part of our Live the Dream Down East Tour.

We honored Sarah Keys Evans, an American hero, highlighted the aviation sciences program at Elizabeth City State University, and Lady Pirate Marissa, the first live female pirate mascot at East Carolina University.

We stood staunchly with our farmers, servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

Mr. Speaker, we must secure the border, so it was essential to travel to the southern border and speak with Border Patrol agents within my first 4 months of office to hear from those on the ground about their challenges.

I made it clear that we must always stand with our ally, Israel, in their fight against Hamas terrorists and keep our F-15 Strike Eagles at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

I have proudly sponsored 17 bills, 12 bipartisan, and cosponsored over 350 bipartisan pieces of legislation.

As we now forge ahead in 2024, I will continue to provide hope and keep the American Dream within reach for Eastern North Carolinians.

#### HONORING NASSAU COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is trivia time.

What year was it, "Sanford and Son" and "All in the Family" were the most popular shows on television; the top songs on the radio were "The Way We Were" and "The Loco-Motion;" the top movie in America that year was "Blazing Saddles;" and Gerald Ford was our brand-new President?

What year was it?

It was 1974, 50 years ago.

It was that same year a group of forward-looking and caring citizens in Nassau County, Florida, who met, in-

cluding George Crady, Elsie Harper, Edgar Lindsay, and Buddy Jacobs fresh out of law school. They met to establish the Nassau County Council on Aging.

Today, I rise to honor Nassau County Council on Aging for turning 50 years old and for 50 years of service to Nassau's wise and seasoned residents. I think we can all agree they don't look a day over 29.

From its inception, the council has selflessly met the needs of our senior citizens, providing meal delivery, household chores, and transportation needs in its early days.

Then it launched its core mission of remaining steadfast to enhance the lives of older adults with compassionate care. Today, they are led by a young and dynamic CEO, Janice Ancrum. Under her leadership, the council has thrived. It has a brand-new headquarters, and it is poised for future greatness.

Soon, there will be a fancy black-tie gala in Nassau County to celebrate—hopefully, there will be cake—the selfless thousands of volunteers who have participated to serve the tens of thousands of residents who have taken advantage of the Nassau Council on Aging's services.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this signature milestone for the Nassau Council on Aging. I thank everybody who has been involved. The future of Nassau County citizens is, indeed, bright.

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#### PRESIDENT BIDEN'S POLICIES CAUSING CHAOS AT BORDER

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, can you guess how many times President Biden visited the border in 2023 compared to how many days he went on vacation? One versus 138. Maybe if President Biden spent more time at the border, he would understand the chaos his policies have created.

This is my first term in Congress, and I just returned from my second visit to the border. I went with Speaker JOHNSON and a record number of other Members to see firsthand just what is going on. What I saw was shocking.

Illegal immigrants simply walk across what was formerly known as our border. They are walking across assisted by Border Patrol and then chauffeured to the processing center where they have been given free bus and airline tickets to cities all across America.

Mr. Speaker, our porous border is open. It is an open wound being taken advantage of by bad actors, criminals, traffickers, cartels, and even terrorists from around the world. The massive caravans will not stop until we secure our border. No, taxpayer funding shouldn't be going forward to continue our same old policies of processing more immigrants around our Nation.

This administration can deflect, deny, and detract, but President Biden

cannot escape the fact there is an invasion going on at our southern border, the root cause of which is his senseless and reckless open border policies.

In typical fashion, President Biden has attempted to shift the blame for the influx of illegal immigration to one of his favorite political targets—House Republicans. Mr. Speaker, here is the truth: It was President Biden who ended the remain in Mexico policy. It was President Biden who ended title 42. It was President Biden who stopped the construction of the border wall. It was President Biden who instructed Border Patrol to cut the razor wire to allow more to come in.

Furthermore, as a result of his policies, just recently in New York City, students—can you believe this?—are being kicked out of a school in order to house illegal immigrants who have willingly broken our laws, and our taxpayer dollars are funding every bit of it.

Our southern border remains open for one reason and one reason alone: because President Biden refuses to shut it down.

One question, Mr. Speaker: Why? Why is President Biden keeping our border open? Why?

It is time for President Biden to stop turning his back on America and its citizens, the hardworking and tax-paying men and women who make this country great, and secure our border.

#### COMMEMORATING KANSAS CITY CHIEFS' FIRST SUPER BOWL VICTORY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORAN). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, today, I stand before you with immense pride and a spirited "Go Chiefs" to introduce a resolution commemorating a historic moment in sports history.

We gather to recognize the 54th anniversary of the Kansas City Chiefs' first Super Bowl victory, a day that remains etched in the hearts of many.

On January 11, 1970, the Chiefs triumphed over the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl IV with a score of 23-7, with the late, great Lenny Dawson, pictured here, leading the way.

By the way, you may not know this, Mr. Speaker, but the term "Super Bowl" was coined by the Chief's owner, Lamar Hunt, who saw his kids playing with a Superball. He thought, hey, that sounds like a great name for a contest, so he named it the "Super Bowl," and the rest is history.

This wasn't just any Super Bowl. It was a historic moment as it was the final game played at an American Football League franchise before the AFL-NFL merger.

This resolution is a tribute to that victory, a celebration of the team's enduring legacy, and an acknowledgment of the joy and unity it brought to fans, our community, and our State.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution. As we prepare to attend the Chiefs' playoff game this Saturday at Arrowhead, which could be the coldest NFL game since 2016, a balmy 5 degrees, I say, once again: Go Chiefs.

202ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT SEAL OF MISSOURI

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 202nd anniversary of the adoption of the great seal of the State of Missouri, seen right here and above our very heads on the ceiling of this distinguished Chamber.

On January 11, 1822, the Missouri General Assembly adopted an act that established a symbol of the State of Missouri for the people of Missouri. This seal symbolizes the bravery, strength, and unity of the Show-Me State.

"Salus populi suprema lex esto," our State motto, means: the welfare of the people shall be the supreme law. The great seal designer, William Wells, intended the motto to represent the very fabric of the State government.

The crescent Moon symbolizes Missouri at the time of the seal's creation—of small population and wealth but would increase soon, just like the crescent Moon.

The two bears represent the strength of our State.

There are 24 stars. Twenty-three of them represent the States that were already in existence when Missouri became the 24th.

The clouds surrounding the stars represent the rocky process that led to Missouri becoming a State.

The seal itself declares and emphasizes: "United We Stand, Divided We Fall." Our founders knew that if we work together, we can accomplish great things for our State and our Nation.

CONGRATULATING JIM LEYLAND ON ELECTION TO BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jim Leyland on his well-deserved election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Jim Leyland was the baseball manager of the Clinton Pilots for three seasons and is now the first member of the team to enter the museum in Coopers-town, New York.

During his time with the Pilots, Leyland took the team to the playoffs in 1973 with a 73-51 record. The Pilots impressively ended the '73 season in first place for the North Division. Leyland finished his three seasons managing the Pilots with a satisfying record of 189-189.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Jim Leyland and the Clinton Pilots.

CONGRATULATING MADISON HERRING FOR EARNING GIRL SCOUTS' SILVER AWARD

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Madison Her-

ring, a Girl Scout from Maquoketa, Iowa, who received the Girl Scouts' Silver Award.

Madison collaborated with Vestas American Wind Technology on her sustainability project to construct a gaga ball pit, a popular children's game.

After visiting a Vestas facility and learning about wind energy possibilities, she pitched her idea to the city manager, Josh Boldt, to create this recreational area with recycled materials from wind turbines.

With design and material support from both Vestas and Canvus, as well as assistance from the Maquoketa Parks Department, Madison's idea was brought to life.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Madison on her award for making our community in Maquoketa better and more beautiful, and for her commitment to sustainability and our community.

RECOGNIZING SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF QUAD CITIES VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the seventh anniversary of the Quad City Veterans Outreach Center in Davenport, Iowa.

The Quad City Veterans Outreach Center was founded by Lola VanDeWalle in memory of her father, Emerson "Ted" Walters, who served in World War II.

The center is a nonprofit organization that provides various outreach services to veterans in the Quad Cities and surrounding areas.

With them, I have handed out and delivered food to over a thousand veterans in line when they do their food drives. The center also helps with job placement, housing assistance, and veterans benefit counseling, and it provides monthly programming free of charge.

Most importantly, it provides our veterans a place to go where there is no judgment, no questions. I have seen remarkable recovery of veterans who are suffering from PTSD and have not had contact with their families.

They recently have acquired a building in Davenport that they will be turning into a housing center for homeless veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lola and the Quad City Veterans Outreach Center on their seventh anniversary. I thank them so much for all they do for our veterans and for their continued generosity.

CONGRATULATING NORTH SCOTT VOLLEYBALL

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the North Scott Volleyball team for winning their first State championship since 1985.

In true Cinderella story fashion, the Lancers beat out the top-ranked Clear Creek Amana in the semifinals.

For their final match, North Scott defeated Indianola 25-12 in set three to secure the State championship title.

What does this say about perseverance and tenacity?

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate North Scott Lancers for bringing the 4A State championship back to Eldridge.

Mr. Speaker, I offer best wishes and a very good retirement to my sister, Marianne, the oldest girl of the eight children, and I wish her a very happy birthday.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COMMANDER DELBERT AUSTIN OLSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. ARMSTRONG) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Commander Delbert Austin Olson.

Commander Olson was born on January 4, 1926, in Arthur, North Dakota. In 1943, while still in high school, Commander Olson enlisted in the Navy Reserves, listing Casselton, North Dakota, as his home.

Commander Olson was designated as a naval aviator in 1947. He served honorably in World War II, the Korean war, and then Vietnam.

Commander Olson's service was one of distinction. He was a member of the secret Observation Squadron 67, with his final mission declassified in 1998.

In existence for just 500 days, the Observation Squadron consisted of 12 9-man crews that flew along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos and Cambodia. The purpose of the mission was to place sensors along the trail to monitor hostile movements and to listen in on conversations. This strategy was named "McNamara's Line" after Defense Secretary Robert McNamara. These missions were dangerous as they were required to fly close to the ground, making them prime targets.

On January 11, 1968, Commander Olson's plane went down. Commander Olson lost his life, along with his other crewmen and their mascot, a dog named "Skippy."

In 1968, Commander Olson was first listed as missing in action and later changed to killed in action.

While ground conditions made recovery extremely dangerous, we are grateful that the U.S. military sent out multiple teams and that the remains of all the crew were recovered.

Commander Olson was laid to rest at the Arlington National Cemetery in 2003.

Commander Olson earned multiple awards for his service, including the Navy Commendation Medal with Valor, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign ribbon bar.

His name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall on The National Mall here in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for all North Dakotans when I say that we are proud of Commander Olson's dedicated service to our Nation. By honoring him today, we ensure that Commander Olson has a permanent place in our country's history and that his memory will live on forever.