

her time in the Arizona State Legislature to her service here within the people's House, she never faltered in her work to protect the values and God-given freedoms of her constituents and the American people.

Her friendship and collegiality will be sorely missed as we enter into a new Congress, but I know that wherever she goes, she will continue to leave a positive, indelible mark with her work and passion. God bless DEBBIE, and may He continue to bless her family as she turns the page and enters a new chapter in her life.

HONORING DON POSTLES

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a titan of western New York's media landscape, Don Postles, who is retiring at the end of this month.

Don's career is marked by a strong commitment to journalistic integrity, pursuit of the truth, and service to the public.

After 10 years with Channel 2 and Channel 7, in 1993, he joined Channel 4 as a reporter and rose to become the station's lead co-anchor alongside his colleague, Jacquie Walker. Buffalonians have come to trust Don Postles' voice as one of honesty and integrity, guiding us through our highest of highs and lowest of lows.

Whether it was our Buffalo Bills and Sabres bringing home a victory, or a dangerous blizzard bearing down on the region, Don Postles' dedication to keeping folks informed has never wavered.

His dedication and hard work leave behind an inspiring example for the next generation of journalists to follow. On behalf of the residents of Buffalo and all of our western New York community, I thank Don. May he enjoy his hard-earned retirement.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize "a date which will live in infamy," the words President Franklin Roosevelt used in this very Chamber following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On December 7, 1941, our great Nation was suddenly attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy, leading to the deaths of 2,043 American servicemembers and civilians. Mr. Speaker, 83 years later, we remember these brave souls who lost their lives that day defending our very freedoms.

On August 23, 1994, Congress created the National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day to honor the lives lost each

year. We once again recognize and remember every man and woman who laid down their life for the United States that day.

We are forever indebted to their sacrifices. In a time of war, our great Nation was able to preserve. Let this day be a reminder to us that our freedoms should never be taken for granted. God bless those who lost their lives that day, and God bless America.

THE COURAGE OF JOE EITL

(Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, government is at its best when it helps those in need.

That is the story of Collegeville resident, Joe Eitl. Joe was born with a rare heart condition that meant only half of his heart worked properly. For years, he endured surgery and after surgery, and still at 37, Joe suffered heart and liver failure.

A transplant was his only hope. The family's nationwide search began, and in 2020 at Vanderbilt University Hospital, Joe became the first person with Down syndrome to receive a combined heart and liver transplant.

What made this possible? Medicare. Medicare saves lives. It saved Joe. Without it, thousands of Americans would not have the chance at the life they deserve. Through it all, Joe's courageous and contagious spirit never wavered. His story is not the story of sorrow, but of joy and enduring strength and of the power of community.

From his parents, Craig and Peg, to doctors, nurses, family, friends, and co-workers, Joe had love and support. May the Eitl story be the story for many others in acute need. Now, Joe is competing again with joy in the Special Olympics, a remarkable feat for a remarkable young man.

RECOGNIZING JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF JANIS MANGUM

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of one of Georgia's finest law enforcement officers. Jackson County Sheriff Janis Mangum will be leaving the force at the end of this year, marking an end to an incredible and historic 39-year career.

Since 1985, Sheriff Mangum has devoted her life to protecting the innocent, keeping dangerous criminals off our streets, and serving as a leader to the law enforcement officers in Jackson County and throughout Georgia.

From her time as a radio operator to being elected as the second female sheriff in Georgia history, Sheriff Mangum leaves a legacy that saved

countless lives and struck fear in the hearts of Georgia's criminals.

She was named 2023 Georgia Sheriff of the Year, and has received so many accolades and awards for her hard work and dedication, that I truthfully do not have time to list them all.

Know this, when there was a call to serve, she answered. On behalf of Georgia's 10th Congressional District, I thank her for her commitment to Jackson County and the sacrifices she has made to keep us safe. She will truly be missed.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1984 SUMMER OLYMPICS

(Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, a momentous event that redefined what the Olympics could achieve and left a lasting legacy for our Nation and the world.

The 1984 Games were groundbreaking, the first privately financed, and most financially successful in history. With 5.7 million tickets sold and events across 4,000 square miles of southern California, they captivated the world and showcased Los Angeles as a global leader.

More than a display of athletic excellence, the 1984 Games ushered in a new era of innovation, technology, and inclusivity, while fostering international good will and reminding us that sport has the power to unite where politics may divide.

From this success, the LA84 Foundation was born, ensuring that the legacy of the 1984 Olympics continues to benefit future generations. Over the past four decades, the foundation has supported millions of young people, built vital infrastructure, and led the national conversation on play, equity, and youth development.

As we look ahead to the 2028 Olympics, Los Angeles will once again welcome the world, offering a unique opportunity to harness the soft power of sport to promote peace, strengthen global relationships, and inspire future generations. Let us build on this legacy as we prepare to unite the world once again in 2028.

DELAYS IN THE FAFSA SYSTEM

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, across our country, students continue to face uncertainty caused by the delays in the Federal Student Aid system.

Unfortunately, the Biden administration's botched rollout of the FAFSA program this past school year left students not knowing whether they would receive aid.

Some students did not even know their financial aid status until after the start of the school year. Recently, I voted in favor of the FAFSA Deadline Act, which would ensure that FAFSA forms are made available by October 1 of each year, allowing students and their families and their schools the necessary time to complete, process, and receive those applications.

These delays impact students, both at flagship universities and at trade schools, leaving the students unsure of how they will afford the tuition in their chosen careers.

It is time for the Senate to pass this legislation and give our students and their families the clarity that they need in order to return and resume their education.

CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF MEDICAID EXPANSION

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

Mr. DAVID of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join in a celebration of the 1-year anniversary of Medicaid expansion in the State of North Carolina.

As the co-chair of the State Medicaid Expansion Caucus, I am glad nearly 600,000 North Carolinians now have access to healthcare. I thank the North Carolina General Assembly for doing the right thing, and the Governor and DHS Secretary for selecting eastern North Carolina to celebrate this milestone where more than 95,000 residents now have care.

It is not just that. We are also celebrating the many jobs that are helping to boost eastern North Carolina's economy. After witnessing the closure to Martin General Hospital and other struggling hospitals in the east, expansion was vital.

Congress must see the value, benefits, and the fruits of our labor. With the expansion of Medicaid and the groundbreaking of the new Center of Medical Education building both, we remain on the forefront of delivering a healthier eastern North Carolina, and I couldn't be prouder.

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RECOGNIZING LISA GRAY

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

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a community leader whose service and dedication to myself and the State of Arizona are unmatched: Lisa Gray, my friend.

When I got elected to Congress in 2018, Lisa was my First District director and assisted me in opening the office. She did a great job.

Through her time in my office, Lisa was committed to providing the best service to our constituents and played an active role in our community.

Still to this day, Lisa is an active member of our community and currently serves as the general manager of the Sun City Homeowners Association. Lisa is a leader and advocate who fights for what she believes in.

When I look back on my time in elected office, Lisa was such an important part of this journey, and I thank her for her service and commitment to our community and our country.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lisa, and I appreciate her.

CONGRATULATING EAST ST. LOUIS FLYERS ON FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the East St. Louis Flyers football team for winning the 2024 Illinois State championship.

Under Coach Darren Sunkett's leadership, the Flyers went 13-1 this season, averaging an astonishing 43 points per game while giving up an average of just 7 points per game.

On November 28, the team finished their season with a 48-28 victory over Geneva, marking East St. Louis' 11th State championship and Coach Sunkett's fifth State title with the Flyers.

I want to personally congratulate each and every player, coach, and staffer who helped the Flyers achieve their goals on and off the field this season. I know that behind each win were hours of practice and preparation. Mr. Speaker, their dedication to the game of football and our local community is an inspiration.

Go Flyers.

CRUCIAL COMMUNISM TEACHING ACT

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1602, I call up the bill (H.R. 5349) to develop and disseminate a civic education curriculum and oral history resources regarding certain political ideologies, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1602, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 5349

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Crucial Communism Teaching Act".

SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are the following:

(1) To help families, civic institutions, local communities, local educational agencies, high schools, and State educational agencies to prepare high school students to be civically responsible and knowledgeable adults.

(2) To ensure that high school students in the United States—

(A) learn that communism has led to the deaths of over 100,000,000 victims worldwide;

(B) understand the dangers of communism and similar political ideologies; and

(C) understand that 1,500,000,000 people still suffer under communism.

SEC. 3. DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF CIVIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND ORAL HISTORY RESOURCES.

The independent entity created under section 905(b)(1)(B) of the FRIENDSHIP Act (40 U.S.C. 8903 note; 107 Stat. 2331 note), also known as the "Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation", shall—

(1) develop a civic education curriculum for high school students that—

(A) includes a comparative discussion of certain political ideologies, including communism and totalitarianism, that conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy that are essential to the founding of the United States;

(B) is accurate, relevant, and accessible, so as to promote the understanding of such political ideologies; and

(C) is compatible with a variety of courses, including social studies, government, history, and economics classes;

(2) develop oral history resources that may be used alongside the curriculum described in paragraph (1) and that include personal stories, titled "Portraits in Patriotism", from diverse individuals who—

(A) demonstrate civic-minded qualities;

(B) are victims of the political ideologies described in paragraph (1)(A); and

(C) are able to compare the political ideologies described in paragraph (1)(A) with the political ideology of the United States; and

(3) engage with State and local educational leaders to assist high schools in using the curriculum described in paragraph (1) and the resources described in paragraph (2).

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

The terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801) shall apply to this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or their respective designees.

After 1 hour of debate on the bill, as amended, it shall be in order to consider the further amendment printed in part A of House Report 118-791, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered read, shall be separately debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question.

The gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material to H.R. 5349.