

amount of pride and spirit throughout the community.

No professional team in any sport can match the number of consecutive sellouts the Dragons have accumulated. Their record-breaking sellout streak continues to stand as the longest in professional sports history.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD my op-ed article titled, "The Story of How the Dayton Dragons Came To Be," from the Dayton Daily News:

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THE STORY OF HOW THE DAYTON DRAGONS
CAME TO BE

(By Mike Turner)

As the Dayton Dragons prepare to take the field for the 2025 season, we celebrate sellout crowds and an out-of-this-world atmosphere with incredible fanfare, enjoyed by families who have made lifelong memories with the magic of Day Air Park.

Most nights are at full capacity. The Dragons have sold out 1,573 consecutive home games since arriving in Dayton—the longest streak in North American professional sports history.

As we celebrate 25 seasons of the Dayton Dragons, we recognize how far our city has come. What was once a vision for renewal has become a reality, with downtown Dayton now a hub of activity, culture, and economic opportunity. The Dragons have played a central role in that transformation, proving that baseball can be more than just a game—it can be a driving force for positive change.

During my second term as Mayor, our community committed to revitalize downtown with Riverscape, the Schuster Center, the baseball stadium, and new downtown housing. What we have today is a vibrant city, and now it's hard to imagine Dayton without the Dragons. However, there was a time when it appeared the city would never field a team.

Prior to the Dayton Dragons, there were several failed attempts to bring a baseball team to Dayton and to build a stadium. Many of these attempts came from out-of-town groups with promises of never-realized funding, unbuildable stadium designs, and management groups unable to secure Major League approvals.

Most of the proposals came with all the risk assumed by the Dayton taxpayer. Although our community believed in the promise of a new stadium and a baseball team, the public was skeptical and looking for the right partner and the right deal.

By the time Mandalay Sports Entertainment came to town, our community was organized, prepared and had a plan. As Mayor, on behalf of our community team, I proposed a unique structure for a deal. Dayton would agree to own and lease a stadium to the team, if the team built the stadium at a fixed price to the City of Dayton, assume all cost overruns, and be responsible for operational, maintenance, and capital costs—capping the risk to the Dayton taxpayers.

Mandalay agreed and delivered. The Dayton Dragons' stadium deal ended up being the only stadium in the state that came in on-budget to the taxpayers.

For the 25 years of the Dayton Dragons' success, there has been one leader that has delivered for our community: the President and General Manager for the team, Bob Murphy.

Murphy had the responsibility for delivering the construction of the stadium, managing the team, overseeing the stadium, and delivering entertainment every night for our community. He has become a part of our community and has stayed through three consecutive ownership groups.

On opening day 25 seasons ago, as Mayor, I stood on the ballfield with our community negotiating team of City Commissioner Bootsie Neil, City Manager Valerie Lemme, Economic Development Director Joe Tuss, Montgomery County Commissioner Vicky Pegg, Montgomery County Administrator Deb Feldman, Dayton Chamber of Commerce President Phil Parker, Fifth-Third Bank President Dan Sadlier, and Downtown Dayton Partnership President Maureen Pero, tipping our ball caps to Bob Murphy, thanking him for his accomplishment of delivering on his promise of a stadium for the Dragons in downtown Dayton.

I am proud of the role I played in bringing the Dayton Dragons to our city, but even prouder of what they have meant to our community.

RECOGNIZING PETER ROBINSON'S
RETIREMENT

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of Peter Robinson, the Vice President for Government and Community Relations at the University of Rochester, who retired at the end of March after more than 35 years of exceptional service.

Throughout his tenure, Peter played a vital role in advancing the University's mission, leading its federal, state, and community relations efforts with great skill and dedication. Among his many achievements, he was instrumental in the University's affiliation with NextCorps, strengthening support for the Laboratory for Laser Energetics, and building lasting partnerships with state and local leaders.

Peter's advocacy helped secure hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for the University and Medical Center including \$50 million for the Saunders Research Building and \$50 million for the Emergency and Inpatient Tower. He has also secured major funding for the Eastman School of Music expansion, Wegmans Hall, the Goergen Institute for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, and the Kornberg and Del Monte Biomedical Research Buildings.

Beyond his professional contributions, Peter served for 30 years in the New York Army National Guard, retiring with the rank of colonel. His deep commitment to veterans' issues continued through his work with the University's Veterans Alliance, demonstrating his enduring dedication to service.

I have known Peter since the start of my career and have always admired his insightful and strategic approach to complex legislative matters. His numerous contributions to the University and our community are immeasurable. He has built an incredible legacy that will strengthen and inspire future generations.

As he embarks on the next chapter, I extend my deepest gratitude for his decades of service and unwavering leadership. On behalf of the University of Rochester community and all those who have benefited from his work, I wish Peter Robinson all the best in his retirement.

HONORING 85 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE: CELEBRATING THE KILGORE COLLEGE RANGERETTES AND THE CLASS OF 1995

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kilgore College Rangerettes and celebrate two extraordinary milestones: the 30th anniversary of the 54th line, the Class of 1995, and the 85th anniversary of this world-renowned team.

Founded in 1940 by Gussie Nell Davis, the Rangerettes were the first precision dance team to perform during a college football halftime show. With their high kicks, jump splits, and iconic red, white, and blue uniforms, they have set a standard for discipline and excellence for over eight decades.

The Class of 1995 holds a special place in this legacy as the first to perform under Director Dana Blair and Assistant Director Shelley Wayne, whose leadership continues to shape the Rangerettes today. Many of these teammates became dance and drill team instructors, passing on the discipline and artistry instilled during their time as Rangerettes.

Their sophomore year featured unforgettable moments, including performances in France, at the Texas State Fair Gala, and alongside legends like Willie Nelson. Their finale performance to Donna Summer's "Last Dance" remains an emotional highlight, with one teammate saying, "I could cry thinking about this song." As they often say, "Once a Rangerette, always a Rangerette."

For 85 years, the Rangerettes have been ambassadors of Texas culture, blending grace and precision to inspire generations. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Kilgore College Rangerettes, the Class of 1995, and their lasting legacy of excellence.

HONORING ROBERT ASHE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Ashe, whom I have named the California 4th District's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion of the Year for Sonoma County for his extensive volunteer efforts to restore and protect the Santa Rosa Creek and surrounding areas. He exemplifies the power of grassroots environmental stewardship as seen through founding the Friends of the Prince Memorial Greenway.

Mr. Ashe was born and raised in Lancaster, California. He attended Antelope Valley College, where he studied police administration before working for over 35 years in the automotive parts industry in Los Angeles. After moving to Sonoma County, Mr. Ashe found a new calling as a custodian at Park Side Elementary School in Sebastopol, where he worked for 13 years. Known affectionately as "Mr. Bob," he was more than just a caretaker, serving as a mentor, a friend and an educator to those around him. Mr. Ashe led efforts on

recycling, composting and environmental responsibility, instilling in students a deep respect for sustainability.

In 2020, Mr. Ashe turned his passion for environmental care into action by volunteering at the Prince Memorial Greenway, a beloved but often overlooked natural space in our city of Santa Rosa. What began as simple trash cleanups soon expanded into a comprehensive restoration effort. Mr. Ashe currently dedicates an average of 25 hours a week to maintaining the Greenway and its surrounding parks, trails and creek areas. His work includes vegetation management, graffiti removal, trail upkeep and clearing potential hazards, all critical efforts in helping the Greenway remain a safe and thriving space for residents and wildlife alike.

Recognizing the power of collective action, Mr. Ashe founded the Friends of the Prince Memorial Greenway, a volunteer group dedicated to the ongoing restoration and beautification of the area in 2023. Under his leadership, the group contributes over 125 volunteer hours per month to cleaning and maintaining the Greenway. With each passing season, the number of volunteers continues to grow as more community members are inspired to join the cause. Beyond cleanup efforts, the Friends of the Prince Memorial Greenway advocates for the Greenway's role in connecting downtown residents and businesses, bringing people together through nature, art and sustainable transportation initiatives.

Mr. Ashe's impact extends beyond his environmental work. He is a dedicated and compassionate member of our community, always willing to lend a hand to those in need. His leadership is not only measured in the number of volunteer hours logged or the pounds of trash he removes, but in the inspiration, he provides to others. Whether through his advocacy, mentorship or hands-on service, Mr. Ashe has shown one individual's commitment to their community can create lasting change.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Ashe's dedication to environmental stewardship and public service embodies the spirit of the Climate Crisis Champion of the Year award. His work to rehabilitate and maintain Sonoma County's natural spaces ensures these cherished environments remain accessible, clean and beautiful for future generations of our community. It is fitting and proper that we recognize him today as Sonoma County's 2025 Climate Crisis Champion of the Year.

RECOGNIZING THE 2025 CLASS 1A MINNESOTA STATE GIRLS HOCKEY CHAMPIONS—THE DODGE COUNTY WILDCATS

HON. BRAD FINSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2025 Class 1A Minnesota State Girls Hockey Champions: the Dodge County Wildcats.

On February 22nd, the team won their first-ever state title at the Xcel Energy Center in a

suspenseful overtime game against Warroad. The Wildcats claimed the win with a 4–3 final score.

The deciding goal almost went unnoticed, sneaking over the goal line during a dramatic scramble at the net. Warroad came away with the puck, but junior forward Zoe Heimer, who made the shot, knew the puck had crossed the goal line, prompting a video review that ultimately ruled in favor of the Wildcats.

The top-seeded Dodge County team has been nothing but impressive all season, finishing strong with a record of 24–3–2. Their championship win marks the first state title—not only for the program—but for any girls hockey team south of the Twin Cities.

It is my honor to recognize this year's Class 1A Minnesota Girls' Hockey Champions today. Thanks to the strong leadership and encouragement from Coach Gunderson, and relentless support by the team's staff, families, classmates, and community these talented young women earned a state championship title. All of us across the First Congressional District are incredibly proud to call them our own.

Congratulations to Coach Gunderson and the entire Wildcats family on an unbelievable season.

NO ROGUE RULINGS ACT OF 2025

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1526, the No Rogue Rulings Act of 2025.

Just as House and Senate Republicans have ceded their constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight on the Executive Branch, Republicans want to force federal judges to give up their power of judicial review. The duty and responsibility of federal courts is to review laws and policies that have a national impact. Federal courts are not local courts. By design their role is national and is not limited to one state or one county. Limiting the ability of federal courts to carry out their duty would undermine the rights and freedoms of all Americans.

The No Rogue Rulings Act of 2025 would prevent federal district court judges from providing nationwide injunction relief when one of President Trump's executive orders, policies, or actions violates people's constitutional rights and freedoms. Nationwide injunctions are issued against the federal government when its actions are unconstitutional and have a broad national effect. If a federal judge can no longer issue a national injunction, the Administration could continue to violate the rights of the American people until the case reaches the Supreme Court. This bill is designed to drastically limit federal judges' ability to prevent unconstitutional actions from doing broad harm. It is about giving more power to Donald Trump.

Donald Trump is losing in court because he keeps trying to do unlawful and unconstitu-

tional things, not because of judicial overreach. This bill a scheme to give more power to the President, making it easier for him to carry out his illegal actions without consequence.

I urge my colleagues to reject this bill.

HONORING VACAVILLE CITY MANAGER AARON BUSCH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vacaville City Manager Aaron Busch, an esteemed member of our Solano County community. His 37 years of public service and his tireless dedication to our community exemplify why he is being honored today.

Aaron Busch is a lifelong Californian, having studied geography with an emphasis in Urban Planning at Fresno State University before beginning a career in city planning. His first role in local government was as an Assistant/Associate Planner with the City of Rancho Mirage. In 2017, Mr. Busch joined the City of Vacaville as Assistant City Manager, where he oversaw the Community Development and Parks and Recreation Departments and eventually rose to the rank of city manager where he has served since.

Mr. Busch's commitment to our community is evident from his long history of public service in local government. Some of his accomplishments while in office include implementing the City of Vacaville's Biotechnology and Advanced Manufacturing Initiative, which has brought in nearly \$68 million in private investments, as well as creating the COV Connect community engagement program. Mr. Busch was also responsible for distributing over \$12 million in Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to aid community recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Mr. Busch oversaw the advancement of numerous other projects including the building of Fire Station 76 and an audit of the Vacaville Police Department. His forward thinking and attention to the needs of the city's residents have made him instrumental in advancing the City of Vacaville as a prime destination for families, professionals, and retirees alike.

Mr. Busch is recognized for more than just his professional service—he is well known around the City of Vacaville as “The Coach” for his leadership and commitment to the residents of the city. His forward thinking and natural leadership make him a fixture in the community.

Mr. Busch is married to his wife Laura, and they have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. He looks forward to spending more time with them in retirement, along with more golfing, travelling, and gardening.

Mr. Speaker, it is both fitting and proper that we recognize Mr. Busch for his commitment to public service and honor his career in which he strived to better our community here today.