

them as the “Jolly Boys”. The name stuck, and to this day, the Jolly Boys of Williamsville continue to symbolize that spirit with everything they do.

From the very start, the Jolly Boys set themselves apart by committing to a simple yet profound mission: to raise funds exclusively for local children and families facing financial difficulties, primarily through youth sports and activities. They embraced the values of volunteerism, ensuring that all their efforts were carried out by volunteers and that every dollar raised went directly to those in need. Through their commitment, the Jolly Boys have transformed the lives of many, providing vital resources and support to families in Williamsville and beyond.

As their efforts expanded, the Jolly Boys continued to evolve, they were able to start using their resources to support homeless shelters, cancer research, local parks, and historic preservation efforts. Their commitment to the community has never shifted, and their impact will be seen and felt for centuries to come.

Mr. Speaker, today we recognize the Jolly Boys for their contributions to not only the lives of individuals and families but have also strengthened our community. I ask that I am joined to express gratitude for the Jolly Boys of Williamsville, whose spirit of volunteerism and selflessness should serve as an inspiration to all.

CELEBRATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The Reformed Church in the United States was founded in 1725, proclaiming the Gospel while serving communities across our Nation.

I'm especially honored to note the pivotal role that South Dakota churches have played in advancing the mission and heritage of the Reformed Church in the United States through the Eureka Classis and beyond.

During the Revolutionary War, one-fifth of German Reformed pastors served as chaplains in the Continental Army. One member, Captain Peter Humrickhouse, even crossed the Delaware River with General George Washington and delivered critical supplies to Yorktown, helping secure our Nation's independence.

Presidents George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt both recognized the influence and integrity of the Reformed Church. President Washington openly praised the loyalty and devotion of its clergy and congregants. President Roosevelt regularly attended Grace Reformed Church in Washington, D.C. and laid its cornerstone himself.

This June, members and friends of the Reformed Church in the United States will gather at Mount Rushmore in my home state to mark this historic tricentennial milestone. It is fitting that such a celebration should occur in South Dakota, a state shaped by faith, perseverance, and patriotism.

Join me in recognizing the Reformed Church in the United States for 300 years of devotion to faith and service.

CONGRATULATING THE YOUNGSTOWN STATE WOMEN'S BOWLING TEAM ON WINNING THE 2025 NCAA BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Youngstown State women's bowling team on winning the 2025 NCAA bowling championship over Jacksonville State on April 12, 2025.

In the “Entertainment Capital of the World”, Las Vegas, the Youngstown State women's bowling team certainly put on a show. The path to the championship was vigorous, playing against very tough competition to secure the championship win.

The Penguins cruised through the regional rounds on the way to the championship and in the semifinals, the Penguins fell short to Jacksonville State 2–1. In the finals, the Penguins defeated the No. 2 seed 2–0 to advance to the national championship against Jacksonville State.

Looking for revenge, the Penguins came out of the gate swinging, winning the first two games by the scores of 204–199 and 248–210. The Penguins threw five strikes in the final four frames to win the first match and threw a strike on each of their final eight rolls in the second game. After Jacksonville State won game 3, the Penguins won game 4, taking a 3–1 lead and one win away from the glory. Games 5 and 6 were won by Jacksonville State to even the series 3–3. In game 7, the Penguins started strongly. Strikes and spares were the theme for the Penguins, showing the consistency that led them to the national championship game. With every strike and spare, the crowd roared, bringing the team one step closer to immortality. After back-to-back strikes to end the game, the team embraced, realizing their dreams and all their hard work had come to fruition. The Penguins forever etched themselves into history as champions.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Youngstown State women's bowling team's players, coaches, staff, families, and friends as we celebrate this historic victory and national championship. Go Penguins.

RECOGNIZING CAROL BRISBOIS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Carol Brisbois has made through her work with Metropolitan Ministries. Carol has been a dedicated volunteer at Metropolitan Ministries since 2016. Monday and Friday mornings at the Metro Welcome Center are lively and wel-

coming, thanks to this remarkable woman. She greets both new and returning volunteers with enthusiasm, ensuring newcomers feel comfortable and understand the importance of their roles. Her humor, empathy, and dedication ensure smooth operations across all areas, from kitchen prep to client shopping in the metro market. She welcomes everyone—volunteers, clients, residents, and community members—with warmth, compassion, and genuine joy in service. Carol is always ready to tackle any task that needs attention. Metropolitan Ministries relies heavily on her to keep Volunteer Services running smoothly, not just during the holidays but all year round. She embodies the four key values of Metro's culture, including: Character, Chemistry, Competency, and Calling.

It is clear Carol Brisbois has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF METRA

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a milestone in Illinois' transportation history, the 40th anniversary of Metra, which has been an essential part of the fabric of our region's transportation network.

Since its founding in 1984, Metra has provided reliable, safe, and efficient rail service for millions of residents and commuters throughout the Chicagoland area. Metra plays a crucial role in connecting neighborhoods, supporting local businesses, and ensuring that individuals can travel easily to work, school, and recreational activities.

As the second-largest commuter rail system in the United States, Metra has helped foster economic growth by supporting both suburban and urban development and providing a convenient and sustainable alternative to driving. With 243 stations and 11 routes spanning nearly 500 route miles, Metra connects communities across the six-county Chicago area. Serving over 300,000 riders on an average weekday, Metra is the backbone of the region's transit system, enabling people to commute safely, reliably, and efficiently.

Over the last four decades, Metra has adapted to the evolving needs of its riders, weathered economic challenges, and embraced innovations in technology to enhance the rider experience. The agency's leadership has embraced modern technologies, improved accessibility, and continuously enhanced customer service to meet the growing demands of its passengers. Whether through the expansion of services, improvements to stations, or the adoption of innovative rail solutions, Metra has remained dedicated to serving the people of Illinois with the highest standards of service.

Today, we recognize the hard work and dedication of Metra's employees—from conductors to engineers, from planners to customer service representatives—whose efforts have helped ensure the continued success of this critical public transportation system.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Metra and extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who has contributed to its success. I look forward to continuing to work with Metra as it builds on its remarkable 40 years of safe and reliable commuter rail service in the Chicagoland area.

RECOGNIZING MARJORIE CURTISS

HON. TOM BARRETT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly extraordinary American, Marjorie Ann Smith Curtiss, who is celebrating her 100th birthday today. Born in 1925, Marjorie has spent the past century as a proud Michigander whose life has been defined by strength, service, and resilience.

In 1943, during the Second World War, Marjorie became one of the original "Rosies," embodying the spirit of Rosie the Riveter and stepping up to support her Nation on the home front. Immediately after her high school graduation, Marjorie volunteered at the Chevrolet plant near her home in Flint, Michigan, where she worked on rehabilitating military trucks for the front lines. A few months later, Marjorie became an inspector, where she played a critical role in maintaining records on the Briggs & Stratton airplane engines being rebuilt at the facility until the operation closed in 1945.

Marjorie's legacy, however, goes far beyond the factory floor. After marrying her husband John David Curtiss, she raised four children, put herself through nursing school, and achieved a career in the field. Today, she is the proud matriarch of a growing family that includes seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Her legacy of love, perseverance, and hard work continues to shine through them.

Mr. Speaker, Marjorie Curtiss is an exceptional woman who answered the call to support her Nation in its darkest hour. Her story, which is woven into the fabric of our Nation, is nothing short of remarkable. I urge my colleagues to join me and all of Michigan's Seventh Congressional District in wishing her a very happy 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING CAROL NOBLE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Carol Noble has made to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. In addition to providing countless hours of direct support to neighbors and flood victims, she helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Ms. Noble was a strong advocate for bringing in government and nonprofit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Carol Noble has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and

I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL AUCTIONEERS WEEK

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate National Auctioneers Week, taking place this year between April 28 and May 3.

The National Auction Association, located in the Kansas Third District, is the centralized headquarters for all auctioneering businesses, and I thank them for their advocacy on this matter. Additionally, I would like to recognize Livestock Marketing Association and the National Auto Auction for their advocacy work on this.

An auction is one of the oldest methods of purchasing and selling goods and remains a prevalent practice in businesses throughout the country. And with rising prices, auctioneering remains a steady method of both purchasing and selling goods competitively. Auctions, and the auctioneers that run them, allow buyers an equal chance of receiving competitive prices for purchases and also allow the seller to receive the best possible return.

The hardworking auctioneers that spend their time coordinating with clients and holding these events deserve recognition, and so I heartily support National Auctioneers Week.

HONORING PASTOR VICTOR HARDY

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Pastor Victor Hardy, a beloved community leader, committed advocate, and upstanding citizen of the City of Chandler. Victor passed away on March 22, 2025, at the age of 63, after a lifetime of faith, friendship and service. Chandler—and all of Arizona—is a kinder, more just place for his presence among us.

Born and raised in Portsmouth, Virginia, Victor attended neighboring Norfolk State University where he studied music and performance. There, he met his beloved wife of 40 years, Cynthia. His lifelong devotion to serving God and his country was clear early in his life. After graduation, he served in the Virginia Army National Guard and the United States Air Force and pursued another degree in religious studies at Liberty University.

The Chandler Community was blessed nearly 26 years ago, when Victor moved his family to their new home in Arizona. He volunteered tirelessly with the school districts, the city, Chandler Tullamore Sister Cities organizations, East Valley NAACP, and many other local organizations and nonprofits. His particular focus was to uplift African American men in our community. Over a decade ago, Victor founded the Chandler Men of Action, a

profoundly impactful organization that empowers African American youth and honors the many contributions of African American men to Arizona. He became the first and only African American to hold the title of Executive Director at For Our City Chandler, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting collaboration and compassion in Chandler. In 2022, the Chandler City Council honored Victor with the MLK Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize his service to our community, which has helped to realize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream of a better, more just Nation.

Pastor Victor Hardy was ordained in 2012. Just three years later, he became the first African American solo pastor at the Congregational Church of the Valley. Victor built a welcoming and inviting space for congregants, and his congregation described him as a dedicated pastor—and as a friend and mentor. He challenged his members to deepen their connection to their community and was a vocal champion of public servants, like our teachers and law enforcement officers—he even led a First Respondents Blessing each September.

Victor's love of music steered his service as well. Coming from three generations of African Methodist Episcopal church leaders, Victor's musicality was fostered in church growing up. He founded and directed the Chandler Centennial Celebration Choir in 2012, created the Chandler High School Gospel Choir Club, and emceed the Chandler Symphony Orchestra Gala. Under his leadership, the Chandler High School Gospel Choir went on to perform at a number of high-profile shows.

Pastor Victor Hardy's dedication to the Chandler community is remarkable and deeply appreciated by the city's residents. My prayers are with his family, including Cynthia and his sons, David, Julian and Patrick. Victor will be deeply missed by his congregation and all of those committed to justice and societal change. His compassionate legacy of service will be felt for generations to come—Arizona owes him a debt of gratitude. I thank Victor, and Godspeed.

RECOGNIZING CAROL SMITH

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Carol Smith has made to our community through her work with New Beginnings Youth Shelter, which serves homeless kids aged 10–17 who are between foster homes, abandoned, or homeless. The whole team jumps in to take care of the kids that have no one else looking out for them. They teach kids structure, respect, understanding and so much more in a loving environment. The team really cares, and each member is deeply invested in the kids' long-term success.

It is clear Carol Smith has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.