

MIRA CAHALANE NAMED OHIO'S  
13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF  
THE WEEK

### HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Mira Cahalane, who recently won best actress at the 10th annual Dazzle Awards, as this week's Champion of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

The Dazzle Awards honors high school musical theater students and departments in Northeast Ohio for their outstanding performances and productions.

At the awards, Mira received the best actress award for her phenomenal performance of Hermes in "Hometown: Teen Edition" at Hudson High School and was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship.

As a result of her win, this June, Mira will be representing Northeast Ohio in the National High School Musical Theater Awards, also known as the Jimmy Awards, held in New York.

At the Jimmy Awards, Mira will join top high school musical theater students across the country to compete and showcase her extraordinary talent on a national stage.

Again, I want to congratulate Mira Cahalane for her exceptional win and on being named this week's Champion of the Week. I wish her the best of luck as she prepares to compete in the Jimmy Awards, and know she will represent Northeast Ohio well.

### HONORING DEVIN SOFFY, EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, recently, I had the honor of attending Devin Soffy's Eagle Scout Court of Honor after his 10 great years of service through the Boy Scouts. Devin started his journey when he was in the second grade and since that time he has achieved an impressive 47 merit badges. His badges are in a variety of different areas including first aid, search and rescue, personal fitness, and life-saving, showing how well-rounded of a young man he is. He has dreamed of being a doctor since he was a little boy, and many of the skills he has learned through scouting will help him on that journey. Devin has already taken the next step toward that dream by being accepted into the prestigious pre-medicine program at Baylor University where he will pursue a degree in Biology.

Beyond scouting and academics, Devin gives back to his community by volunteering at the local EMS station and as a swim instructor for young children. I congratulate Devin on this incredible achievement. I know he has a bright future ahead, and I look forward to seeing all that he will accomplish. God bless Devin and God bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING TOMMY SEILER

### HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tommy Seiler for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Tommy has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Tommy, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Tommy's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Tommy Seiler on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

### RECOGNIZING ROBERT O'BRIEN

### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Robert "Bob" O'Brien has made through his volunteerism at Cypress Elementary School. Bob's talents and craft as a Master Gardener are enjoyed by students and appreciated by staff. Affectionately called Gardener Bob, he brings the art of growing one's own fruits and vegetables to the Cypress Elementary Cubs. As part of the school's 4th Grade Science Lessons, students learn the farm-to-table concept by preparing the soil, planting seeds, nurturing the seedlings into mature plants, harvesting and finally preparing and consuming fresh produce. They learn the life cycle of plants and the value of working for your food. In addition to leading students, Bob recruits and manages his Garden Crew; a handful of additional dedicated volunteers that are passionate about the art of gardening and promoting fresh and healthy eating. Where Bob primarily works with 4th grade students, all students in the school benefit from his efforts. Located by our playground, all students watch the progress of the plants as they grow, building excitement for when it is their turn to garden. He has helped instill a love of learning in students as look forward to Garden Day when it is their turn to get their hands dirty and learn.

It is clear Robert "Bob" O'Brien has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

HONORING 8TIV MULTIMEDIA  
LABS AND 247HH: INNOVATION  
AND CULTURAL IMPACT IN CHI-  
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### HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 4, 2025*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate two dynamic and impactful creative forces based in our district, operating from 1727 S. Indiana, Chicago: 8tiv Multimedia Labs and its partner company, 247HH. Both were founded by visionary leaders, Ranadeb Choudhury and Osvaldo "Tito" Garcia, who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to innovation, authentic storytelling, and cultural engagement.

8tivLabs, founded in 2010, is a truly remarkable, Emmy Award-winning creative powerhouse. This agency is dedicated to empowering brands to become authentic trendsetters and cultural cocreators. They achieve this by blending strategic foresight, creative bravely and data-driven insights to craft unforgettable experiences and groundbreaking content productions. At its core, 8tivLabs thrives on collaboration, transforming bold ideas into groundbreaking realities by blending skilled craftsmanship with strategic insight that directly impacts the community. Their purpose is clear: to craft transformative experiences that push boundaries and connect with audiences on a profound level.

Complementing this, 247HH, founded in 2005, stands as a premier digital platform entirely dedicated to celebrating hip-hop culture. Through exclusive interviews, compelling behind-the-scenes content, and original video series, 247HH provides an intimate look into the lives and journeys of urban culture's most compelling voices, from mainstream icons to underground artists. Their programming, including the impactful "Culture Builders" series, spotlights influential figures across politics, media, sport, fashion, tech, and music, pushing the culture forward with a steadfast commitment to authenticity.

The purpose of 247HH is to amplify and celebrate hip-hop culture, providing a vital platform for its diverse narratives.

Together, 8tiv Multimedia Labs and 247HH, under the leadership of Mr. Choudhury and Mr. Garcia, exemplify the very best of Chicago's creative and entrepreneurial spirit. They are not only driving economic growth and creating jobs but are also profoundly shaping cultural narratives and empowering voices that resonate globally.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Ranadeb Choudhury, Osvaldo "Tito" Garcia, and their entire teams at 8tiv Multimedia Labs and 247HH for their innovative contributions. Their dedication to cultural stewardship builds legacies that will inspire future generations of creatives and cultural leaders.

NEWSLETTER FROM  
CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

**HON. CHUCK EDWARDS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the SAVE Act, No Rogue Rulings Act, and reforming U.S. foreign assistance.

DEAR FRIEND, The right to vote in American elections is a right reserved for American citizens, not illegal immigrants.

I recently voted for the House-passed SAVE Act to ensure election integrity and safeguard our democratic process. The SAVE Act would:

Require in-person proof of U.S. citizenship when individuals register to vote in federal elections.

Allow more than six types of identification to prove U.S. citizenship.

Require states to remove non-citizens from existing voter rolls and give them the tools to do so.

Ensuring that only American citizens vote in our elections is common sense, yet 228 Members on the other side of the aisle voted to leave our elections vulnerable to fraud and abuse. Their excuse is that this bill prevents married women from voting, when the reality is that this bill gets ahead of any potential barriers to voting by providing six options of identification to prove U.S. citizenship.

To make it clear: This bill will not prevent married women from voting, but it will prevent illegal aliens and foreign influence from permeating our electoral system.

Thus, it's a fair question to ask—why are they opposed to securing our elections?

Upholding the Constitution's system of checks and balances:

Radical district judges are overstepping their authority and blocking President Trump's lawful executive powers by unilaterally imposing rulings that affect the entire nation.

This unchecked judicial overreach is a breach of our Constitution's system of checks and balances, and the House took action to restore balance to our judicial system by passing the No Rogue Rulings Act with my support.

This bill will stop judicial overreach, especially when individual district judges block executive policies. Activist federal judges are undermining the constitutional separation of powers and the will of the American people, and it's time to restore judicial integrity to our federal government.

U.S. foreign assistance should not be funding overseas abortions:

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is a program that has been successfully combating HIV/AIDS.

Yet, during President Biden's term in office, he chose to use tax dollars in a way that Congress had not authorized by redirecting funds that were meant for saving lives to instead perform abortions.

Congress must strengthen guardrails around program fundings to prevent such abuse of taxpayer money. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will continue to call out and demand necessary reforms to stop the misuse of funds and make sure that our policies are standing up for, not destroying, innocent life.

Standing up for faith, family, and freedom: It was an honor to receive the Family Research Council Action's One Hundred Percent Award for my commitment to sup-

porting policies that protect the rights to faith, family, and freedom, I will continue to stand for the rights of the most vulnerable and the values that we hold dear and make our country great.

With my warmest regards,  
CHUCK EDWARDS,  
Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING KRISTEN PINNOCK

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristen Pinnock for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

A Gales Ferry, Connecticut native, Kristen graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Secondary Science and Social Science Education from DePaul University in 2011. While completing her Masters of Art/Ph.D in Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment from the University of Connecticut, Kristen began her career in Washington, D.C. as a Student Trainee for the U.S. Government Accountability Office before becoming an Analyst and Senior Analyst. In March 2023, she joined the House Committee on Energy and Commerce as a U.S. Government Accountability Office Detailee for the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations where she has been a critical team member in leading investigations into Anti-Semitism in medical schools and hospitals and supported the Committee's role in the bipartisan AI Task Force report that came out in the 118th Congress. Kristen was also essential in Committee efforts in writing letters pertaining to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Most recently, Kristen completed another degree graduating with a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2024.

Kristen's time as detailee with the House Committee on Energy and Commerce is ending this week and she will return to the U.S. Government Accountability Office. I know Kristen will continue to be as valuable of an asset for the U.S. Government Accountability Office as she was for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. I wish her the best and thank Kristen Pinnock for her service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONGRATULATING THE MANHEIM  
TOWNSHIP UNIFIED TRACK AND  
FIELD TEAM CHAMPIONS

**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Manheim Township Unified Track and Field team on their first-place victory at the PIAA Unified Track and Field championship on May 23 and 24.

The Manheim Township Blue Streaks excelled at the meet, collecting 59 points and earning the gold medal. Malakai Minguez nabbed gold in the 400-meter race with 58.01 seconds. Bronze medals in the 800-meter race, earned by Cole Richards with a time of

2:23.08, and in the 400-meter relay helped to spur the Blue Streaks to victory.

Manheim Township's championship in 2025 is their third consecutive team title since Unified Track and Field's introduction in 2023.

The Unified Track and Field program is organized by the Special Olympics. Each team has a proportional number of athletes who are eligible to participate in the Special Olympics and includes boys and girls from grades 9 to 12.

As Manheim Township celebrates another Unified Track and Field team championship, I sincerely congratulate the athletes and coaches that have made this accomplishment possible, and I look forward to seeing what these students accomplish next.

HONORING JORDYN STORCK,  
EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to congratulate Jordyn Storck for passing her review board and attaining the coveted rank of Eagle Scout after years of hard work. Jordyn began her journey in Troop 452 five years ago and through the years, she has persevered through the struggles to achieve the required 22 merit badges to become an Eagle Scout. But she didn't stop there—she went above and beyond, earning five additional merit badges to receive the Bronze Palm award, an honor rarely given to Eagle Scouts. Her success extends far beyond scouting. Jordyn is a disciplined martial artist, earning her Black Belt at The Growth Dojo in South Jersey. She is also a talented singer, performing as a member of the All-Star Treble Choir, where she specializes in high-frequency vocal tones. Jordyn plans to continue her education at Rowan University to pursue a degree in Inclusive education, and I am certain that she will achieve anything she puts her mind to. God bless Jordyn and God bless our United States of America.

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