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I also extend my deepest gratitude to Head Coach Jamaal Gill, whose visionary leadership and guidance steered the team to this historic victory, and to Assistant Coaches Kimani Harris, Pierre Adams, and Nathan Townsen, Jr., whose mentorship was vital to the players' development.

Mr. Speaker, Cornell Dunbar's contribution to the Dyett Eagles' journey from near closure to state champions is an inspiring narrative for us all. It underscores the critical importance of supporting our public schools and investing in programs that empower young people to achieve their fullest potential. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Cornell Dunbar and the entire Dyett High School boys' basketball team on their momentous achievement and in honoring them for the inspiration they provide to communities across our Nation.

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#### RECOGNIZING TASHA PHILLIPS

### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Tasha Phillips 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. Phillips was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Tasha Phillips 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.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2025*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, my flight was delayed on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, and I missed the first vote that evening. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 146.

#### HONORING CHRISTIAN LOWE OF DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2025*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an extraordinary achievement by a remarkable young man from my district, Christian Lowe, a vital member of the Walter H. Dyett High School for the Arts boys' basketball team, the Eagles. This team achieved a historic victory, winning the 2024–2025 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A State Championship with a decisive 52–41 win over Althoff Catholic High School on March 15, 2025.

This championship is more than just a win on the court; it is a profound testament to the resilience, determination, and unity of the Dyett High School community and the vibrant Bronzeville neighborhood. A decade ago, Dyett faced the threat of closure, but through powerful community advocacy and unwavering commitment, its doors remained open. Today, the Eagles' triumph, in which Christian Lowe played a crucial role, symbolizes the incredible potential that flourishes when a community invests in its youth and its institutions.

Christian Lowe, along with his teammates, demonstrated exceptional skill, discipline, and teamwork throughout their season, navigating challenges and competing at the highest level. His hard work and dedication were integral to the team's success, culminating in this well-deserved championship that brings immense pride and joy to his school, family, and the entire community.

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Christian Lowe's contribution to the Dyett Eagles' journey from near closure to state champions is an inspiring narrative for us all. It underscores the critical importance of supporting our public schools and investing in programs that empower young people to achieve their fullest potential.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Christian Lowe and the entire Dyett High School boys' basketball team on their momentous achievement and in honoring them for the inspiration they provide to communities across our Nation.

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#### RECOGNIZING DONNA TELESKO

### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Donna Telesko has made as a volunteer with United Way of Hernando County. Donna not only coordinated relief supplies inventory at our Family Resource Center (FRC) daily for 2 weeks, she was a lead volunteer when it came to identifying unmet needs and residential trends as individuals impacted began to

open up regarding their level of destruction. She prepped supply bags, organized inventory, communicated with other volunteers, and showed up each day with a smile, ready and willing to help however needed. In preparation for Hurricane Milton, just a few short weeks later, Donna helped the organization pack up thousands of relief and recovery items onto a 40 foot trailer. She and her husband patiently waited on stand-by for the storm to pass and roads to clear, offering to help again when needed. With Milton severely damaging the East side of the county, the Withlacoochee River began to overflow at a historic rate, leaving many Ridge Manor families with limited access to their homes. As the United Way's team set up a POD (Point of Distribution) of basic necessities, washer/dryer, showers, hot meals, and MRE and water distribution, Donna and her husband Billy volunteered daily, connecting with every distraught resident along the way. When United Way activated its FRC in Ridge Manor, Donna oversaw operations for distribution at the center—prepackaging food and toiletry bags, creating a procedure to collecting and filling the needs, and organizing all items donated to us and distributed out. This effort took place daily for 30 days. Without Donna and her ability and willingness to coordinate, far fewer people would have been helped. As the holidays came and went, Donna kept in touch, wanting to donate her time with us in "blue skies" as well. She completed the agency's stringent 3-day VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) training in December and became IRS certified to assist low-to-moderate income families throughout tax filing season. Donna volunteers her time as a tax preparer, working one on one with families, at 3 of 5 Hernando preparation sites, equaling a total of 5 days a week since February (logging over 135 TD). This doesn't include her endless hours assisting the organization with event prep, administrative services, and partnership planning. Donna works beautifully in a group setting, as well as independently being able to complete projects. She is thoughtful, caring, and always going one step beyond you would expect someone to.

It is clear Donna Telesko 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.

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#### HONORING JIM IRSAY

### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2025*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of James Stephen Irsay, a philanthropist and beloved member of the Indianapolis community.

Jim Irsay's remarkable 54-year affiliation with the Colts organization began in Baltimore and blossomed in Indianapolis, where he became a pillar of the community and a leader in the National Football League. As owner and CEO of the Indianapolis Colts, Jim oversaw 10 division titles and two AFC Championships—and, of course, a Colts' victory in the Super Bowl XLI on February 4, 2007, marking one of the most successful eras in franchise history.

Jim's impact extended far beyond the football field as a passionate philanthropist and

pillar in the Indianapolis community. He supported the Irsay Family YMCA, Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, the Indiana Black Expo, Wheeler Mission Center for Women & Children, and Gleaners Food Bank. He was also a dedicated advocate for mental health, courageously sharing his own journey to break the stigma surrounding addiction and mental illness. Through the Irsay family's generous support of Kicking the Stigma, they invested over \$31 million to improve mental health awareness, research, and treatment across Indiana and the nation.

Jim was also a cultural icon, cultivating one of the world's greatest music and historical collections, sharing it generously as a "traveling museum" to inspire and educate. Whether on stage with his band or quietly supporting those in need, Jim's generosity and spirit touched countless lives.

Above all, Jim cherished his family—his wife Margaret, his three daughters, and ten grandchildren, whom he loved deeply and supported unconditionally. His devotion to family, football, and community defined his life and will leave a legacy in Indianapolis and beyond.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Irsay—a man whose passion, leadership, and kindness made a profound difference in the lives of Hoosiers and NFL fans everywhere. May his memory inspire us all to serve with the same dedication and heart.

RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE  
CENTENARY

**HON. GABE AMO**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2025*

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, with admiration and appreciation, I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Rhode Island State Police. For a century, these tireless men and women in uniform have traveled the highways and byways of our state to ensure the safety of our communities. They have lived up to their creed of honor, integrity, fairness, excellence, courage, honesty, and devotion to duty.

On April 2, 1925 the Rhode Island General Assembly created the "Rhode Island Department of State Police." It was the first such organization in our state dedicated to ensuring safety, order, and security for Rhode Islanders. What began with just 21 officers patrolling on Indian-brand motorcycles has grown into a modern, technologically advanced law enforcement agency committed to the highest standards of public service.

From the earliest days of policing rural roads to the current use of cutting-edge technology, the agency has continually evolved to meet the challenges of each era while striving to maintain the trust and respect of the public it serves.

Even their uniforms made an impression—most notably in 1986, when their distinctive attire earned national recognition and was featured on the David Letterman Show.

Over the course of the agency's esteemed 100 year history, the dedicated men and women of the Rhode Island State Police have worked tirelessly to ensure Rhode Islanders' safety. And I know that for the next one hundred years they will continue to serve justice, help stranded motorists, and keep our commu-

nities safe. As they mark their centenary during national law enforcement week, I join every Rhode Islander in thanking the Troopers of the Rhode Island State Police for their 100 years of public service.

HONORING DARRELL BULLOCK OF  
DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2025*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an extraordinary achievement by a remarkable individual from my district, Darrell Bullock, a dedicated Assistant Coach for the Walter H. Dyett High School for the Arts boys' basketball team, the Eagles. This team achieved a historic victory, winning the 2024–2025 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A State Championship with a decisive 52–41 win over Althoff Catholic High School on March 15, 2025.

This championship is more than just a win on the court; it is a profound testament to the resilience, determination, and unity of the Dyett High School community and the vibrant Bronzeville neighborhood. A decade ago, Dyett faced the threat of closure, but through powerful community advocacy and unwavering commitment, its doors remained open. Today, the Eagles' triumph, shaped significantly by the guidance and mentorship of coaches like Darrell Bullock, symbolizes the incredible potential that flourishes when a community invests in its youth and its institutions.

Assistant Coach Darrell Bullock, alongside Head Coach Jamaal Gill, II, provided invaluable leadership, strategic insight, and unwavering support throughout the season. His dedication to developing these young athletes, both on and off the court, was instrumental in fostering the skill, discipline, and teamwork that led to this historic victory. His hard work and commitment were integral to the team's success, culminating in this well-deserved championship that brings immense pride and joy to the school, the players, their families, and the entire community.

Mr. Speaker, Darrell Bullock's contribution to the Dyett Eagles' journey from near closure to state champions is an inspiring narrative for us all. It underscores the critical importance of dedicated educators and mentors in supporting our public schools and empowering young people to achieve their fullest potential. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Assistant Coach Darrell Bullock and the entire Dyett High School boys' basketball team on their momentous achievement and in honoring them for the inspiration they provide to communities across our Nation.

RECOGNIZING TERESA  
PIECHOWICZ

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2025*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Teresa Piechowicz has made to our commu-

nity as a volunteer with the Hernando County Family YMCA. The Hernando County Family YMCA is more than just a place—it's a community, a support system, and a beacon of hope for so many. None of that would be possible without dedicated volunteers, like Teresa Piechowicz. Her unwavering commitment, boundless energy, and compassionate spirit make her an invaluable part of the YMCA family. Teresa's impact can be felt in every corner of the organization. She is involved in nearly every event hosted—always the first to arrive and the last to leave. Whether she's assisting with youth programs, supporting fundraising initiatives, or simply offering a warm smile to a member in need, Teresa gives selflessly—never asking for recognition, but always making a difference. Her enthusiasm is contagious, inspiring both staff and fellow volunteers. She has a unique ability to lift others up, ensuring that every person who walks through our doors feels welcomed and supported. Her kindness is not just in her words but in her actions—consistently stepping in wherever she is needed without hesitation. Without individuals like Teresa, the impact of the YMCA in Hernando County would not be what it is today. She represents the very best of what it means to serve others.

It is clear Teresa Piechowicz 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.

HONORING JOHNTAE DUNCAN OF  
DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2025*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an extraordinary achievement by a remarkable young man from my district, Johntae Duncan, a vital member of the Walter H. Dyett High School for the Arts boys' basketball team, the Eagles. This team achieved a historic victory, winning the 2024–2025 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A State Championship with a decisive 52–41 win over Althoff Catholic High School on March 15, 2025.

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Johntae Duncan, along with his teammates, demonstrated exceptional skill, discipline, and teamwork throughout their season, navigating challenges and competing at the highest level. His hard work and dedication were integral to the team's success, culminating in this well-deserved championship that brings immense pride and joy to his school, family, and the entire community.

I also extend my deepest gratitude to Head Coach Jamaal Gill, whose visionary leadership