

gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

HONORING ALLAN SEEBACH

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable constituent and community leader Allan Seebach, Sr., of Tappan, New York.

Allan is a lifelong resident of Tappan and a U.S. Navy veteran who served our Nation during the Korean war. His service didn't stop when he returned home. In fact, it was just getting started.

He joined the Volunteer Fire Association of Tappan in 1950, and for nearly 75 years, he has been a cornerstone of the department. Allan served as chief of the Tappan Fire Department from 1965 to 1968 and again from 1972 to 1974. He later became fire commissioner, a role he held for 27 years, 13 of them as chairman of the district.

Allan's leadership, mentorship, and tireless dedication to the safety and well-being of his neighbors have left a lasting mark, not only on the department, but on the entire Tappan community. As one local fire leader put it, Allan Seebach is the Tappan Fire Department.

I thank Allan for everything he has done for the people of Tappan, of Rockland County, and of New York's 17th District. His legacy of service is the best of who we are, and I am proud to call him a friend.

HONORING BEYOND LEGAL AID ON 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 10-year anniversary of Beyond Legal Aid, a vital community-driven legal advocacy organization that has spent the last decade advancing justice from the ground up. They have successfully built a grassroots network of lawyers and advocates to address critical legal needs to close the equity gap in justice.

Their work is grounded in a fundamental truth, that an injustice to one member of our community is an injustice to all of us. Beyond Legal Aid places impacted communities at the center of their advocacy, reshaping what legal support can and should look like.

Beyond Legal Aid in Chicago has worked for 10 years to inspire and enact change across my district and has represented over 5,000 clients in immigration and housing cases.

As an ardent supporter of community-driven grassroots activism, I com-

mend Beyond Legal Aid for 10 years of fighting against systemic inequities. I sincerely appreciate their dedication and look forward to supporting Beyond Legal Aid in building toward a world where justice is not a privilege but a birthright.

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HONORING HARRY LYNN

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Harry Lynn, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, a family man, beloved community member, and World War II veteran. Sadly, Harry passed away last week at the age of 102.

Despite an initial draft deferment due to significant visual impairment, Harry enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he became recognized as one of the Army's top three Morse code operators. He became a Morse code instructor and rose to the rank of staff sergeant.

This year, we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Allied victory because of the sacrifices of heroes like Harry. His determination to do his duty despite personal adversity displayed the true Nebraskan spirit to answer the call of service in one of the most challenging times in our Nation's history.

Harry and each of America's World War II veterans deserve our deepest gratitude and most sincere thanks.

On April 2, Harry and his daughter, Sherri, were tragically killed in a car accident. I extend my condolences to the family members and celebrate the life of this American patriot.

Harry's memory and example of service will live on in our hearts.

CELEBRATING GATORS' 2025 NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate my Florida Gators, the University of Florida men's basketball team, for winning the 2025 National Championship. It is their third title and the first since back-to-back Gator wins in 2007.

In a heart-stopping final, mostly my heart, they erased a 12-point, second-half deficit to defeat the amazing Houston Cougars with a score of 65-63.

Under Coach Golden, they showed the resilience, discipline, and heart that epitomize Gator athletics.

Walter Clayton, Jr., the tournament MVP, led that charge, proving time and again that he and his teammates rise to the occasion when it matters most.

Yet, this championship is more than just a trophy. It is a symbol of U.S. ex-

cellence both on and off the court. It reflects the strength of our State's public universities and the pride we all share as Floridians.

The Gator Nation is still humming. As a proud alum, along with my dad, brother, husband, and all three of my kids, I will say it is great to be a Florida Gator.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all the players and coaches and all the students and alumni who cheered them on. Our Gator boys stayed hot and brought a title home.

Go Gators.

SUPPORTING PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP FOR VOTERS

(Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in America, you can't drive a car, board a plane, or buy fireworks without an ID proving that you are who you say you are. Why are folks allowed to vote, to decide the future of this country, without proving that they are citizens first?

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the House passing the SAVE Act just moments ago. It is common sense that only American citizens should be able to vote in American elections.

Congressman CHIP ROY's SAVE Act will close election loopholes by ensuring that every State requires voters to provide proof of citizenship before registering to vote.

When noncitizens go to the ballot box, the electoral system is compromised and American votes are diluted.

The American people have the right to determine the future of our country, and we refuse to be disenfranchised by illegal votes. I was proud to support the SAVE Act when it passed the House today.

CONGRATULATING JONAS ALMERINO

(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. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable achievement of a teacher from Wilson, North Carolina.

Mr. Jonas Almerino, a high school science teacher at Sallie B. Howard School, has been awarded the Burroughs Wellcome Fund's 2025 Career Award for STEM Teachers. The award honors outstanding educators who are committed to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The grant will be used to set up science equipment and living labs in the school's new high school building and provide essential supplies. The award includes \$175,000 over 5 years.

STEM will play a crucial role in the future of education, and Mr. Almerino is proving that North Carolina is leading the way.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Sal-lie B. Howard School.

HONORING RYAN GRIFFIN

(Mr. EZELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ryan Griffin, a devoted father, community leader, and accomplished professional who left an indelible mark on lower Mississippi and beyond.

Ryan was a man of service, whether through his career in journalism or communications, his leadership in civic organizations like Kiwanis and the United Way, or his unwavering dedication to his hometown.

From the football field at West Jones High School to the halls of the University of Southern Mississippi, Ryan exemplified leadership, integrity, and a passion for bringing people together.

Above all, Ryan's love for his family, his faith, and his community defined his life. His impact will be felt for generations to come.

My prayers are with his children, his loved ones, and all who had the privilege of calling him a friend.

Mr. Speaker, may we honor his legacy and continue his commitment to service and kindness.

REMEMBERING JACK FITZGERALD

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

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember my beloved friend and Montgomery County legend, Jack Fitzgerald, who passed away this week at the age of 89. He will be sharply missed by friends, family, and customers of the Fitzgerald Auto Malls up and down the East Coast.

Jack's life embodied the restless, adventuresome spirit of America and entrepreneurial business at their very best. Over the course of his extraordinary life, he built Bethesda Auto from a single storefront in the early 1950s into a massive success, with dealerships across Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

An old-fashioned businessman devoted to the community, he was an eloquent champion of customer safety, consumer protection, and employee well-being. He pioneered the installation of child safety seats before it became an industry standard.

Jack was friends not just with CEOs of auto companies but with Ralph Nader.

Remarkably, Jack transferred his company to employee stock ownership over the last year before his death. His legacy now lives on in his employees and in everybody in Montgomery County, Maryland, who loved him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting the life of Jack Fitzgerald, who was a pillar of our community and a local hero. May his memory be a blessing.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LORI FRAZIER BEARDEN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lori Frazier Bearden, a resident of Savannah, Georgia, who will serve as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, ETA, at the United States Department of Labor.

Ms. Bearden earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Columbus State University in Georgia and her master's degree in public administration from Auburn University.

In this role, Ms. Bearden will assist Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer in executing President Donald Trump's mission of prioritizing American workers, veterans, and retirees.

She will work to advance the ETA's mission of contributing to the more efficient functioning of the U.S. labor market by providing high-quality job training, employment, labor market information, and income maintenance services, primarily through State and local workforce development programs.

Ms. Bearden's dedication to public service and expertise in navigating complex policy landscapes make her an asset to the Trump administration.

I congratulate Ms. Bearden on this exciting achievement. We all look forward to watching her succeed and wish her the best in her new role.

HONORING COAST GUARD ADMIRAL LINDA FAGAN

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Linda Fagan, a trailblazer. Her decades of service have strengthened our Nation and brought pride to the people of Ohio.

Throughout her distinguished 40-year career, Admiral Fagan broke barriers. She led with strength of purpose. As the first woman to serve as Commandant of the United States Coast Guard and the first woman to lead a branch of our Armed Forces, she made history with integrity and fortitude.

Admiral Fagan's service spanned all seven continents. From the icy waters of the poles to ports around the world, she safeguarded our Nation's interests with professionalism and resolve. Her deep expertise in marine safety is unmatched, and she holds the title of Gold Ancient Trident, the first of that honor and a symbol of enduring leadership in one of the Coast Guard's most critical missions.

Yet, patriots must acknowledge with concern the abrupt dismissal of Admiral Fagan just 1 day after a Presi-

dential inauguration, with only 3 hours' notice.

Actions that politicize our armed services undermine the trust and stability of these institutions. Admiral Fagan's legacy is not one of partisanship but patriotism.

Let us honor and thank her for her service. Our military remains above political winds, guided, as she was, by our Constitution, principle, high professionalism, and a deep love of country.

I thank Admiral Fagan for her service.

Now, we have the watch.

CONGRATULATING GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN OHIO ON GOLD AWARD

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. These hardworking and dedicated Scouts are agents for positive change in their communities and work every day to create a better world.

In 2024, 44 Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts from the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio earned the prestigious Gold Award.

In pursuit of this distinction, each Scout identified a specific issue close to their hearts and utilized teamwork and collaboration to effect positive change in their community, leaving a lasting impact.

Carolyn Koch, a graduate of Blanchester High School, created a Build Community Through Theater program to engage youth and help them develop confidence. Promoting drama education in her community, Carolyn invested her time and energy in creating a middle school drama camp, free of charge, for fifth to eighth grade students in the Blanchester Local School District.

The Girl Scouts Promise reads: "On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law." Carolyn and each of the other recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award are the embodiment of this promise.

I also recognize the parents and Scout leaders who supported each Girl Scout on their path to this milestone. Their support made all the difference.

I congratulate the Girl Scouts, especially Carolyn. Her investment in our community is appreciated, and Ohio can't wait to see what is in store for her next.

PROTECTING THE PROMISE OF AMERICA

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