Center. Its mission is to provide African-Americans with the support they need to survive this illness. The center also services the community by increasing cancer awareness amongst African-Americans in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

Experts estimate that about one out of every eight women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time during her life. The strongest risk factor for breast cancer is age. A woman's risk of developing this disease increases as she gets older. However, thanks to improvements in cancer treatment and early detection, millions of women and thousands of men are surviving breast cancer today.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. The disease occurs almost entirely in women, but men can get it, too. There are more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

I am honored to recognize Pamela Burnett, breast cancer survivor and founder of The Beautiful Gate Cancer Support & Resource Center, for her dedication and commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL TRACK CHAMPIONS AS OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize six extraordinary high school athletes as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champions of the Week.

Last month, these young men demonstrated excellence, determination, and perseverance on Ohio's biggest high school track and field stage.

The Jackson High School boys 4x100-meter relay team, made up of Micah Regimbal, Preston Young, Jackson Baker, and Corey Jacobs, earned the title of state champion in the event and became their school's first boys track and field state champions.

Woodridge High School senior Ben LeBay earned an individual state title in the 1,600-meter run with a personal record of 4:13.5. Finally, Tallmadge High School senior Anthony Bontempo jumped to the top of the podium in the Division II high jump competition.

These young men have represented their schools, families, and communities with distinction. Their achievements remind us why Ohio's 13th Congressional District continues to be the ''Birthplace of Champions.''

I congratulate Micah, Preston, Jackson, Corey, Ben, and Anthony on their outstanding accomplishments and proudly recognize them as the Champions of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

HONORING MS. RHODA OMEGA SHIRLEY

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District, of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor one of South Florida's most respected educators, Ms. Rhoda Omega Shirley, who is retiring after thirty-three years as a teacher and District Director with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Ms. Shirley began her teaching career in 1980 as a full-time elementary school teacher. She also taught adult and secondary students part-time for eight years. Her love of teaching and fighting for educational opportunities for our children would catapult Ms. Shirley into leadership roles throughout her career. She has served as: Lead Education Specialist/Coordinator, Instructional Staffing Officer, District Supervisor Summer and Extended Year Programs, Director Area Center for Educational Enhancement (ACEE), Executive Director, and Director Summer Services/HIPPY.

Ms. Shirley believes that all communities are rooted in the values of their ancestors and cultures. She leads by example and her dedication to her profession and work with our children extends far beyond the classroom. As President of the Women's History Coalition, she fought to secure literature on the contributions of women for Miami-Dade County Public Schools and she helped to initiate a scholarship for young women from the Women's History Coalition. Ms. Shirley is also a member of the Florida Association of School Administrators and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Ms. Shirley earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Florida Memorial College in 1980. She received her master's degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1989 from Barry University and attended Florida International University for her post graduate studies in Education Administration and Supervision.

Please join me in honoring Ms. Rhoda Omega Shirley for her commitment, dedication and service to our students and to her community.