

artists that you had never heard of. He loved working on Concert of Colors, and I knew for a fact that in the last few weeks of his life, that is exactly what he was doing, working on this beautiful international festival in Detroit.

His laugh was a belly laugh that shook his whole body, and you couldn't help but laugh along with him.

Even with all of his community work for justice and the art community, one thing I will always remember is the incredible patience and love he showed my grandmother, Sity Shama. He never turned his back on her, even while she was trying to raise her grandkids on her own and was going through a lot of mental health challenges. I will always love him for that.

I am going to miss him. I know that his decades of service to our community will be his legacy, and he can rest now.

Rest in power, my dear friend. You really did good for our community, and we will never ever forget it.

#### RECOGNIZING OLYMPIANS FROM COLORADO

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

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight Colorado as a top producer of Olympians representing Team USA at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano Cortina.

Colorado's Fifth Congressional District is known as Olympic City USA, with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee headquarters in Colorado Springs.

Today, I am honored to highlight three incredible athletes on Team USA who reside in my hometown of Colorado Springs: Amber Glenn, Danny O'Shea, and Ellie Kam. They are among the 16 U.S. figure skaters nominated to the 2026 U.S. Olympic team.

Mr. Speaker, Colorado's Fifth Congressional District will be rooting for Amber, Danny, and Ellie as they compete in the next few weeks.

Mr. Speaker, with the opening ceremonies taking place this Friday, I ask you to join me in wishing them success in their careers and to bring the gold home for Team USA.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DANIEL KINROSS

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and memory of my constituent, Daniel Kinross, who passed away recently at the age of 82.

Dan loved his family, his community, and his country. He lived a life of service to them all. He proudly served our great country in the United States Coast Guard. Throughout his life, he

focused on his community, serving as a Ross Township commissioner and a coach of youth sports teams.

Service was in Dan's bones. In western Pennsylvania, a life like Dan's, devoted to family, community, and country, shows exactly who we are.

Humble, proud, and always ready to do our part, Dan embodied the very best of our western Pennsylvania values: hard work, patriotism, and sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I am holding the Kinross family in my heart as we celebrate Dan's life and mourn his passing.

#### COMMEMORATING OLYMPIC ATHLETES

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

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate three extraordinary athletes from Colorado's Third District who are headed to the 2026 Olympics to represent our country.

A half-pipe skier from Aspen, Alex Ferreira, already has two Olympic Games under his belt, and I am confident his experience will lead to success.

Charlie Mickel is a men's freestyle skier who specializes in moguls. Hailing from Durango, his dedication to competitive skiing has led him to this incredible milestone. We are very proud of his journey.

Hailey Swirbul began cross-country skiing in her hometown of El Jebel at just 10 years old. She made her Olympic debut in 2022, and we can't wait to see her back in action. The best is yet to come for Hailey.

On behalf of Colorado's Third District, I congratulate Alex Ferreira, Hailey Swirbul, and Charlie Mickel, and I wish them the very best as they make our Nation proud in Milan this month.

#### HONORING SEVEN CREW MEMBERS OF LILY JEAN LOST AT SEA

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

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and in somber recognition of the seven crew members of the *Lily Jean* who were lost at sea when their trawler sank off the coast of Gloucester, Massachusetts last Friday.

The Gloucester community and the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts mourn the loss of Captain Accursio, Gus Sanfilippo, his crew, and a NOAA observer.

Captain Gus was more than just a seasoned mariner. He was a mentor, a leader, and beloved figure in the Gloucester fishing community.

We also remember John Paul Rousanidis, Sean Therrien, Freeman Short, and Jada Samitt, a young Federal observer just starting her career.

We also think of their families who, devastated today, live with the constant anxiety that comes with having loved ones away at sea.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to the U.S. Coast Guard for their relentless efforts, searching more than 1,000 square miles to try to find the crew.

Fishing is not just an occupation. It is a way of life built on the hard work, risk, and enduring love for the sea. Fishermen often say they have salt in their blood.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of the crew of the *Lily Jean*, and we stand with the entire Gloucester community during this heartbreaking time.

I want to also remember deckhands Paul Beal Sr., and Jr., who understood that fishing is not simply a job, but a calling passed down through generations.

#### RECOGNIZING RAY CURTIS

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

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable North Dakotan—this handsome young man—Ray Curtis of Minot.

On February 11, Ray will turn 109 years old. He is the oldest living World War II veteran in North Dakota and one of the oldest in our entire country.

Ray served our Nation during one of the most defining moments in world history. Like so many from his generation, he answered the call without hesitation and helped secure freedom.

Ray now resides at Minot Lodge Senior Living, surrounded by family and caregivers.

North Dakota is so proud of Ray Curtis. We are grateful for his service, his sacrifice, and his example.

Happy birthday to Ray. Congratulations on a life well-lived in service to our country.

#### RECOGNIZING AKRON RITES OF PASSAGE INSTITUTE

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Akron Rites of Passage as the Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champions of the Week.

Led by 13 elders in the community, AROPI, as it is also known, is an African-centered organization established for the purpose of educating, training, and empowering its participants in African-centered rites of passage, process, rituals, customs, and practices.

Its further purpose is to promote all aspects of healthy growth and development of individuals, families, and the community of African descent in Akron, Summit County, and surrounding areas.

Five years ago, the Akron Rites of Passage Institute introduced a community initiative called the Legacy Building Project to support the ongoing growth, development, and long-term sustainability of the African American community.

Terrence Shelton, a co-chair of the project, also served as the copresident of the Akron's Rites of Passage Institute. Earlier this month he laid out plans for a new African-American cultural center and museum complex on behalf of the program. The building will house a museum, a business incubator, and center to teach people about trading and investing as a means to building economic wealth in the community. He envisions museum exhibits highlighting Akron sports legends, scientists, and artists like LeBron James, Gus Johnson, Rita Dove, and Woodrow Nash.

He said this project is not just a project for Black people. This is a project for the city of Akron. It is everyday citizens doing remarkable things like this who help make our community the birthplace of champions. Community members from the Akron Rites of Passage Institute are certainly champions in their own right and have made Akron and Ohio's 13th Congressional District proud.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is no longer recognized.

#### RECOGNIZING LOU TAUBERT RANCH OUTFITTERS

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters of Casper, Wyoming, for being named one of the 50 best clothing stores in America by The New York Times.

Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters first opened its doors in 1919 after being founded by C. W. Taubert, an immigrant from Germany who grew enamored with the cowboy spirit and the allure of the West.

From its beginnings as a hardware store catering to the local agricultural community, Lou Taubert has grown to be a cornerstone of the Casper community. Now, over 100 years later, it does not matter whether you are a rancher, a cowboy, or a tourist passing through, you are treated to the authentic spirit of the West at Lou Taubert's.

Please join me in recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of Casper, Wyoming's Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters.

#### RECOGNIZING MARY ANN NIHART

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

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Ann Nihart,

whose life of commitment to healing and community uplifted countless neighbors across Pacifica, California, and beyond.

Mary Ann's career in nursing and mental health spanned four decades. She began her service with the County of San Mateo and later joined the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center where she rose to become clinical director and chief nurse of Mental Health Services.

Her excellence earned her Nurse of the Year and distinguished service awards from the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, among many other honors. While caring for thousands of veterans, she also inspired and guided younger professionals pursuing careers in the practice of psychiatric nursing.

Mary Ann's dedication to the community didn't stop with her day job. She also served on the Pacifica City Council and for two terms as Pacifica's mayor. She was a hands-on, visionary leader who championed public engagement and collaborative governance.

In her final battle with cancer, as with every other facet of her life, Mary Ann Nihart embodied courage, kindness, and an unwavering dedication to others.

Though we mourned her loss last Saturday, we will be celebrating her inspiring legacy for many years to come.

#### HONORING OFFICER CHARLES RUTH

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Department of Natural Resources Officer Charles Ruth for 31 years of exceptional service to the State of South Carolina.

For more than three decades, Charles devoted his career to protecting our natural resources and preserving the outdoor traditions that make our State unique. During his time with South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, he served as the State's big game coordinator. He helped oversee the management of deer, wild turkey, and black bear populations across our State.

Over the years, Charles helped shape over 100 laws, engaged directly with the public of South Carolina, and ensured our wildlife policies were based on sound science and respect for landowners and sportsmen.

Thanks to his commitment, South Carolina's approach to wildlife management remains one of the strongest and most respected in the country. His work will continue to benefit our State for generations.

#### ANOTHER TROVE OF EPSTEIN FILES

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, after months of delays and distractions, Trump's DOJ finally released another trove of documents from the Epstein files.

The DOJ claims it is in full compliance with the Epstein Files Transparency Act, but that is simply not true. It is just the latest in a long line of lies and excuses from this administration.

To date, the DOJ has only released half of the files, in direct violation of Federal law.

The survivors of Jeffrey Epstein's abuse have already endured unimaginable pain. They deserve truth and accountability.

However, in this latest release, some of the survivors' names and images were exposed while the men who abused them remained redacted.

What is DOJ hiding? Who are they protecting?

Here is the bottom line: Anything short of full compliance amounts to a coverup.

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#### RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE WINNERS FOR INDIANA'S THIRD DISTRICT

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Congressional App Challenge winners for Indiana's Third District: Ishan Ramrakhiani and Rikhin Kavuru.

Together, these two students identified a gap in AI services and decided to provide a solution. Using their technical knowledge, they programmed an innovative app that offers AI assistance for professional video editing called Auter.

This app allows users to employ editing tools specific to their needs using plain language and AI. This app showcases both students' outstanding knowledge and experience in computer coding.

Creating an app from scratch truly speaks to their initiative and desire to make an impact. Throughout the process, both students maintained determination despite technical hurdles.

Their creativity and determination for success are truly inspiring. I know both Ishan and Rikhin have bright futures ahead. I wish them continued success as they pursue their academic and professional goals.

#### HONORING WILEY PRICE

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, it feels right to honor someone who has spent a lifetime making sure Black history in St. Louis was seen, recorded, and remembered.