

what my office has seen, this is not the case, and it must change right now.

**PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM**

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program is one of the best ways we can attract top talent to work in the Federal Government and public service. Often these employees will be making less money than in the private sector, but the loan forgiveness gives the government an advantage.

It is disappointing that we see people like public servants treated like this by making them wait years for public service loan forgiveness. This program promised student loan borrowers that after 10 years of public service, their debt would be forgiven. Yet, under this administration, PSLF processing has slowed to a crawl.

For example, the PSLF Buyback application, an essential step for many pursuing loan forgiveness, had more than 80,000 applications pending at the end of the year. Some borrowers have had their eligibility threatened due to petty political grievances.

There are consequences to this. Americans are delaying major life milestones such as purchasing a home or starting a family because they are still making payments on loans they were assured would be forgiven.

Let's be clear: The stagnation of PSLF is the direct result of the current administration's mismanagement. I call on the administration to honor its promise to the people who have dedicated their careers to public service and who have rightfully sought loan forgiveness.

**U.S. ELECTIONS ARE FOR U.S. CITIZENS**

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on the importance of the SAVE America Act, which will come to the House floor for a vote this week.

At the heart of our democracy is a very simple promise: Every eligible citizen gets one vote, and every vote counts equally. That promise is only sustainable when the public has confidence in the system.

The SAVE America Act is centered on an indisputable principle: U.S. elections are for U.S. citizens. This legislation will ensure that voter registration systems accurately reflect the law and that citizenship requirements are consistently enforced.

By requiring a photo ID in Federal elections, this congressional action will work to prevent fraud before it even starts. Supporting the SAVE America Act means promising every voter that their voice matters and that their vote will not be diluted. This action signals a long overdue step towards election integrity, which will preserve the strength and the security of our democratic system for generations to come.

Very simply, our democracy is worth protecting, and by passing and enacting the SAVE America Act, we in Congress can ensure our constituents that their vote will count.

**CONGRATULATING JOHNSTOWN NATIVE DAN BAREFOOT**

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Johnstown native, Dan Barefoot, on earning a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team. This week, Dan will compete in the Milano Cortina Winter Games representing our Nation on the world stage.

A graduate of Richland High School and Penn State, Dan will compete in the skeleton competition, which is scheduled for Thursday, February 12.

Dan's 10-year pursuit of a spot on the Olympic team began with a Google search relating to which Olympic-style sport a novice could train for later in life. After what he describes as the singular most incredible and challenging journey of his life, Dan has reached the pinnacle of his sport.

Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District is incredibly proud to support Dan as he represents our community and our country on the Olympic stage.

Once again, I congratulate Dan and his parents, Barry and Rebecca, on this extraordinary accomplishment and best wishes for gold at the Winter Games.

**RECOGNIZING CARL AND NANCY SCHNEIDER**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TAYLOR) for 5 minutes.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carl and Nancy Schneider.

Carl and Nancy taught music in southern Ohio for 43 years before retiring at the end of the 2025 school year, leaving an indelible mark on the arts in Ohio's Second Congressional District.

Carl served as the band director at West Union High School, the choir director at Manchester briefly, and later as music supervisor across the whole school district. Carl built West Union's marching band from the ground up, starting out with only 13 students and ultimately taking the program to the State and national level. He led musicals, ensembles, and challenged students to become the best they could be.

Having taught at several schools and across all grade levels, Nancy touched the lives of countless elementary students and gave them the skills and encouragement needed to pursue their love of music. Beyond the classroom, Nancy is an amazing musician herself, serving as the pianist for her church and previously performing at county festivals. In retirement, she is looking forward to spending time with her first grandchild and continuing to stay involved in music at schools across southern Ohio.

Teachers like Carl and Nancy Schneider represent the best America has to

offer. They are the quiet heroes who made a difference in the lives of countless students. Our educators deserve the highest level of respect and should be recognized for the amazing work they do.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Carl and Nancy on their retirement, and I thank them for their service to our young people.

**RECOGNIZING THE WAVERLY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND**

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Waverly High School marching band. The Waverly band recently had the opportunity to travel to Hawaii and play in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Parade. This parade is an annual event that honors veterans, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack, and the men and women who actively serve in our incredible Armed Forces.

As part of the ceremonies, the Waverly band played on the dock of the USS *Missouri*, which is an Iowa-class battleship used by the Navy in the 1940s. More than 140 members of the Waverly community participated in this trip, including students, parents, and support staff.

This opportunity was particularly special because of the deep military roots in many of the band members' families. We are forever grateful for those who serve in our Armed Forces and the millions of Americans who fought in World War II to preserve our freedoms.

I thank the Waverly High School band for the great lengths they went to in order to honor our Nation's heroes.

**RECOGNIZING THE CLERMONT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce. The Clermont Chamber recently earned a five-star accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for its positive impact on the community.

Ohio's Second Congressional District has been ground zero for problems facing rural America. For too long, communities like the ones I represent have been forgotten about at the Federal level. However, thanks to the work of community organizations like the Clermont County Chamber, Ohio's Second Congressional District is making a comeback. The Clermont Chamber is an integral part of local economic development projects and supports businesses of all sizes. Their work is helping to build a community where Ohioans can achieve the American Dream.

Economic development remains one of my top priorities in Congress, and I look forward to continuing to work with the Clermont County Chamber on projects that make a difference in southern Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Clermont Chamber on their commendable achievement.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT  
ARRINGTON

(Mr. HILL of Arkansas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate President Robert Arrington on his recent selection to lead the Arkansas Development Finance Authority.

President Arrington succeeds President Mark Conine, who served the authority from May of 2021 until his departure during 2025. President Arrington has worked at the authority since 2014 and was previously the vice president of homeownership and public finance.

The ADFA was established by then-Governor Clinton in 1985 to promote economic growth and community development across Arkansas.

President Arrington is a former municipal securities principal with over 25 years of public finance experience and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate President Arrington on his selection and wish him many years of faithful service to the great State of Arkansas.

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PETIT JEAN STATE PARK 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recent celebration of the 100th anniversary of Petit Jean State Park, a landmark of natural beauty and historical significance in central Arkansas.

Established in 1923 and dedicated in 1925, Petit Jean was Arkansas' first State park and helped inspire and initiate the entire Arkansas State Park System. The Civilian Conservation Corps later built many of the enduring features, including cabins, trails, and the historic Mather Lodge. For a century, families have enjoyed its scenic overlooks, hiking trails, Cedar Falls, and the landscape.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Petit Jean State Park on its centennial and its enhancement of the beauty of the Natural State. I thank the many State park rangers and related staff for all of their contributions to conservation, recreation, and enjoyment in the Natural State.

COMMENDING NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTMENT IN  
THE SECOND DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding patriotism of Arkansas' Second Congressional District, which was the highest-producing district for Arkansas National Guard enlistments in fiscal year 2025.

Our district led the State in Army National Guard recruitment, contributing 314 new soldiers, and accounted for 47 percent of all Air National Guard recruits statewide. In total, the Second District produced 351 enlistments in 2025, surpassing any other congressional district in the State.

These young men and women have chosen a path of duty, sacrifice, and leadership. Their decision to serve re-

fects on the strong values of central Arkansas and the deep respect our communities all hold for our Nation, its defense, and the men and women who wear the uniform.

HONORING DR. LINDA JACKSON

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Linda Jackson.

Last year, Dr. Jackson was honored with the Outstanding Alumna of 2025 Award from the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton.

This incredible woman overcame life's toughest challenges and hardships, experiencing extreme poverty at a young age. She was forced to drop out of school in the eighth grade to take care of her disabled brother.

Despite this, Mr. Speaker, she earned her associate of science and associate of arts degrees at the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton in 2014 at age 33. She continued her education, earning seven more degrees after leaving UACCM, balancing her time between her studies and raising her 10 children. In 2025, she passed the State board exam for the credential of family nurse practitioner.

Dr. Jackson's story is a story of hard work, perseverance, determination, and triumph.

CELEBRATING DOUG ZOLLNER'S RETIREMENT

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Doug Zollner, dedicated advocate for the Natural State.

After three decades of being a mentor, leader, and giant in the world of conservation, Doug has decided to retire from the Nature Conservancy offices in Arkansas.

Doug's efforts and expertise in conservation have enriched our State. Doug's leadership helped drive more than \$30 million in public funding to Arkansas for forest management.

He also cofounded the Fire Learning Networks, a national collaboration of fire practitioners helping 14 countries around the world. Just last year, he visited Tanzania to share fire and forest management strategies and tour Katavi National Park.

Congratulations to Doug for his dedication to conservation, to the Nature Conservancy, and to forest management practices. I wish him the very best in retirement.

CELEBRATING MAGNOLIA JUNIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL'S SEVENTH GRADE  
BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. LUTTRELL of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a group of young Americans whose achievement reflects the very best of our communities, our schools, and our future.

For the first time in history, the Magnolia Junior High seventh grade boys' basketball team completed a season as undefeated district champions, finishing with a perfect 10-0 record.

Ten games, ten victories, zero losses. That accomplishment alone is remarkable. However, what makes this team truly special is not just that they won, it is how they won. Game after game, these young men represented Magnolia Junior High with discipline, respect, teamwork, and integrity. They showed us what it means to compete with character.

This team averaged 61 points per game while holding opponents just to 40. That is excellence on both ends of the court—offense and defense. Perhaps, though, even more impressive, not one player fouled out all season. Not a single technical foul was issued.

That tells us something important. It tells us these students played with maturity beyond their years. They respected the officials. They respected their opponents. They respected the game. That is leadership. That is discipline. That is sportsmanship.

Those are the values we want to see in every classroom, every community, and every generation. Every championship team has leaders. This season, Mason Houston helped set the tone, averaging an outstanding 36.5 points per game. His dedication, effort, and competitive spirit lifted the entire team.

However, championships are never won by one player. They are built by teammates who trust one another, who sacrifice for one another, who hold each other accountable, and who work together toward a shared goal. That is exactly what this team did.

Today, we recognize the young men who made history: Beckett Albe, Daniel Alonso, Jayse Baker, Caleb Gooch, Donnell Hartley, Mason Houston, Brodie Kehoe, Tucker Kowalski, Carter Shephard, Evan Shepherd, and Griffin Spires. These students remind us that excellence is built on one practice, one game, and one decision at a time.

This success would not have been possible without outstanding leadership. I recognize seventh grade coaches Taylor Sowders, Tim Stewart, and Joseph Waddle, along with Head Coach Christopher May, Assistant Coach Jim Barber, Campus Athletic Coordinator Brian Venghaus, Principal David Slater, and District Athletic Director J.D. Berna.

These educators and mentors do far more than coach basketball. They teach responsibility. They teach perseverance. They teach young people how to lead. They are helping shape citizens, leaders, and future public servants.

Years from now, people may remember the undefeated record of these players. They may remember the scoring averages. They may remember the championship, but what matters most is what these players learned along the way. They learned discipline. They learned teamwork. They learned accountability. They learned how to believe in themselves and each other. Those lessons will serve these players long after the final buzzer sounds. They