

When Edwin Drake struck oil in western Pennsylvania, The Derrick quickly became a national news outlet, and it was best known for its coverage of oil prices.

The newspaper was a key source of information for journalists like Ida Tarbell, who reported the oil wars of the 1870s.

Patrick C. Boyle, a prominent figure in the oil industry, bought The Derrick in 1885. Patrick helped to establish other newspapers, including the Bradford Era and the Oil and Gas Journal.

The newspaper was owned by the Boyle family for four generations. Patrick Boyle passed away in 1920, and ownership of the newspaper was passed on to his son, Edward Boyle, who served as a publisher until his death in 1938.

For more than 100 years, the Boyle family was influential in the newspaper's success. From Patrick Boyle's purchase of the outlet in 1885, the family's stewardship ensured that for 154 years The Derrick never once missed a day of publication—an incredible accomplishment.

The pages of The Derrick served as the record for the region's history. Major events included President Ulysses S. Grant's visit to the area and the Great Fire and Flood of 1892.

The Derrick didn't just witness change. It lived through it. Through every win and loss of the oil boom to the dawn of the industrial revolution to the emergence of the digital age, this newspaper adapted and prevailed.

The Derrick stood as a constant for 154 years, capturing the evolution of our community and the very way that we share the news.

Mr. Speaker, it is never easy when we see our local institutions close, especially those that have played such an important role in our communities like The Derrick has for more than a century.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the staff who have worked diligently over the years to deliver the news to the people of Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District.

For 154 years, The Derrick has been there, and we are all grateful for that.

#### BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPION

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, March indeed has been maddening for eastern North Carolina.

We have had exciting basketball and incredible powerhouse teams who have brought back the State championship title to eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, Kinston High School clinched its 12th 3A State basketball championship with a dominant 80-54 victory over Walkertown.

MVP Jamarion Washington and Keyshawn Herring, who each scored an impressive 21 points, propelled the team to victory.

A heartfelt congratulations to Coach Tyndall and the entire team for their remarkable performance.

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#### RECOGNIZING GOLDSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Goldsboro High School Cougars won the 3A girls' title with a 54-46 victory over East Surry.

MVP Aziyah Boyer shone brightly with 11 rebounds, carrying on her grandmother's legacy.

Kudos to the team, Coach Bryant, and to all the amazing coaches and the community for this outstanding win.

#### CONGRATULATING NORTHERN NASH HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, what a super exciting game.

The Northern Nash High School Knights came out on top, claiming the 2026 North Carolina High School Athletic Association Class 6A boys' basketball State championship in a heart-pounding overtime thriller.

They edged Kings Mountain with a nail-biting score of 61-60, and we are incredibly proud to congratulate Coach Drake, the Knights, and such dedicated fans, who were there to bring home this honor for the first time since 1968.

#### WILSON PREP MAKES HISTORY

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Wilson Prep has made history. The talented and dynamic Tiger girls' basketball team won the 1A State championship. It was their first-ever State title, as they beat Robbinsville 58-44.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH WARD AND THE TIGERS.

To all of our athletes: Thank you for making eastern North Carolina so proud and representing our communities on and off the court with excellence.

#### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST PLAN FOR EMERGENCIES

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize bipartisan legislation that I have introduced called the Fiscal Contingency Preparedness Act, which has garnered widespread support from Members on both sides of the Chamber. Just this week, the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus endorsed the bill.

At its core, this bill reflects a simple principle: Just as American families plan ahead for emergencies, the Federal Government must do the same.

Whether facing a natural disaster, an economic crisis, or a national security threat, Washington must understand its financial readiness to respond effectively.

For too long, the Federal Government has failed to seriously assess its ability to weather major national emergencies. Families across Virginia save for unexpected expenses and prepare for uncertainty. It is only reasonable that the government entrusted with safeguarding the Nation apply the

same level of responsibility and foresight.

This bill would require the Federal Government to conduct regular stress tests and publicly report on its capacity to respond to major emergency situations, ensuring transparency and sound decisionmaking during times of crisis.

Preparedness should never be a partisan issue. By identifying risks ahead of time, we can strengthen our response and protect taxpayers from avoidable failures during moments of national urgency.

Mr. Speaker, the Fiscal Contingency Preparedness Act is about responsibility and readiness. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan effort and take a meaningful step toward ensuring that our government is prepared to meet tomorrow's challenges.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MILDRED SCOTT

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great lady, Mildred Scott, a dear friend and a remarkable Virginian whose dedication to her community, her church, and civic life left a lasting impact across the Roanoke Valley and Virginia's Sixth Congressional District.

Mildred passed away on March 6 of this year at the age of 97, remaining as witty and spirited at the end of her life as she was throughout her nearly 100 years.

Originally from Roanoke, Mildred graduated from Jefferson High School and studied finance at Roanoke College. Mildred built a successful career in banking before continuing her service in the Roanoke County Treasurer's Office and later with the town of Vinton.

For more than four decades, she was devoted to her church family at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, raising funds for missions through cooking and catering. Known across the region for her exceptional baking, she created countless cakes for weddings and community gatherings at the Vinton War Memorial.

Mildred also devoted well over 30 years to the Roanoke Valley Republican Women's Club, serving as president, vice president, and treasurer, and helping organize numerous Sixth District Republican galas and Roanoke County shrimpfests and baking those wonderful cakes for them.

Mildred Scott will be remembered as a pillar of her community whose generosity, work ethic, and joyful spirit touched countless lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and legacy.

#### RECOGNIZING JORDYN MILLER

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary young athlete whose grit, discipline, and determination exemplify the very best of our next generation.

Mr. Speaker, 15-year-old Jordyn Miller of Clarke County recently captured the 2025 NASCAR Youth Series Heavy Honda Dirt National Championship,

leading every lap when it mattered most.

Jordyn's success is no accident. It is the result of years of hard work, countless hours studying her craft, and a deep family bond forged at racetracks across the country. With the guidance of her father, Jason Miller, a veteran racer himself, Jordyn learned not just how to drive fast but how to compete with focus, resilience, and humility.

In a sport defined by pressure and precision, Jordyn rose to the challenge, winning 17 races this past season. As she prepares to take the next step in her racing career, we celebrate her achievement and wish her continued success.

Mr. Speaker, Jordyn Miller reminds us that dreams, when met with effort, can turn into championships.

#### SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WINS NRECA

(Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative in southern Arizona for receiving the 2026 Electric Cooperative Purpose Award from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Electric cooperatives are unique. They are owned by the people they serve. Every customer is a member-owner. Every member has a voice. Decisions are made locally by neighbors who understand their communities' economic realities. This creates accountability, transparency, and a relentless focus on safety, reliability, and affordability.

In 2022, when global fuel prices surged, families and small businesses across Cochise County felt the impact. Energy costs rose sharply, pressuring household and business budgets. SSVEC's board and leadership team needed to protect the very members who own the cooperative while maintaining long-term stability, and that is exactly what they did.

They responded with ingenuity and resolve, launching direct communication with members, working with its cooperative partner AEPSCO to establish a fuel hedging program, and directing 100 percent of its annual operating margin to buy down more than \$8 million in member fuel bank debt. That action delivered immediate bill relief.

Behind the decision were employees who stayed focused on service to their members during a period of uncertainty. Now, SSVEC is stronger and better positioned to manage future volatility. Families and businesses in southern Arizona saw how local ownership translates into local solutions.

I congratulate the board of directors, the employees, and the member-owners of Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative. I thank them for their commitment to protecting affordability and serving rural Arizona.

#### SALPOINTE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER WINS 4A STATE TITLE

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Salpointe High School girls' soccer team on winning the 2026 4A State Championship title.

The Lady Lancers were led by Coach Jessica Rushton, a Tucson native who graduated from Salpointe in 2008. Rushton continues her coaching career at Salpointe following time spent at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy.

Despite the loss of their beloved and longtime coach, Kelly Pierce, only a few months before the start of the season, the team gave all they had under the leadership of Coach Rushton and earned yet another State championship title.

After an intense game, Salpointe defeated Mesa High School with a score of 5-4. Senior keeper Ani Jimenez was named the 4A championship MVP after an amazing save that sealed the Lancers' victory.

I congratulate Coach Rushton, the whole team, and everyone who made this win possible. Their hard work has made their school and our entire community very proud.

The Lancers should enjoy their victory. They have earned it. Here is to another successful season and to many, many more to come.

#### THREE MEMBERS OF CIENEGA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cienega High School wrestling team and its three 2026 State champions.

For the first time in Cienega history, the Bobcats have three State wrestling champions.

Daesiah Varner became Cienega's first-ever three-time State champion. Varner made history by becoming the first wrestler in the school's program to finish an entire season undefeated, going 36-0 and finishing her run with the State championship.

The other two champions, AJ Berryhill and Luke Ferguson, beat the record for the most wins in a season with a total of 50.

This championship caps off an amazing season of growth and commitment for the entire team, where each student worked day in and day out to improve their skills and strength.

I congratulate Coach Cole Hickey, the whole team, and everyone who made this win possible. Their hard work has made their school and our entire community very proud.

The bobcats should enjoy their victory. They have earned it. Here is to another successful season and to many, many more.

#### HONORING PHIL DECKARD

(Mr. BAIRD of Indiana was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Phil Deckard, the former mayor of Martinsville, Indiana, who passed away at the end of last year.

Phil dedicated 57 years of his life to public service and leadership in Morgan County and served four terms as the mayor of Martinsville.

Phil also served as the voice of the Martinsville Artesians, announcing football and basketball games at Martinsville High School.

Phil Deckard also served in the United States Navy as an airman from 1958 to 1959, before serving in the United States Air Force for another 4 years. He was honorably discharged as an E4 Airman First Class.

I am grateful for Phil's service to Indiana and our Nation. Our condolences and prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.

#### HONORING JOE ROOT

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joe Root, who has served Clinton County as a veteran service officer for 25 years and served with the Clinton County Sheriff's Office for 20 years.

He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1970 and eventually became a VSO in 2001 to advocate for fellow veterans and ensure our veterans receive the benefits they rightfully deserve.

Joe Root's commitment to our veterans in Indiana does not stop there. He helped establish the Clinton County War Memorial at the courthouse and has led Memorial Day veteran services and honored veterans with 100-year birthday celebrations.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Joe Root for his selfless service to our country and to our Clinton County communities as well as his tireless advocacy on behalf of our Nation's veterans.

#### REMEMBERING DR. PHILIP LOW

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Philip Low, a remarkable scientist and teacher from Purdue University, who worked on breakthrough studies in drug discovery and cancer research. Dr. Low recently passed away at the age of 78.

In his career, he served as Purdue University's Presidential Scholar for Drug Discovery and the Ralph C. Corley Distinguished Professor of Chemistry. He held over 100 U.S. patents and is listed on 600 other patents and 145 invention disclosures. He received some of the highest honors that can be given by Purdue University.

Those who knew him well said "he cared about everybody," and "he spent every minute trying to do good." He certainly did, and his work truly helped save lives.

I offer my condolences to his family and friends during this time. Dr. Low was an outstanding Hoosier. May he rest in peace.

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#### CATHERINE MYERS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS IN COMMUNITY JOURNALISM

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Catherine Myers from Hendricks County, who recently achieved a historic milestone, celebrating 20 years of publishing community journalism.

Catherine Myers and her husband, Rick, started a community newspaper