

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.

□ 1100

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

publishing business in 2005 when they launched the Business Leader, a newspaper featuring local businesses and business leaders in Hendricks County.

They went on to acquire additional newspapers in other counties in central Indiana. Unfortunately, Rick Myers passed away from cancer in 2021. After Rick's passing, Catherine Myers dedicated herself to launching a new community paper, the Hendricks County Community CONNECT, which serves Avon, Brownsburg, Danville, and Plainfield.

Catherine Myers has dedicated her life to bringing fresh perspectives and relevant content to our central Indiana communities. I thank her for her commitment to delivering local news, and I congratulate her on 20 years in the industry.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

We wait patiently for You, O Lord. Well, maybe not as patiently as we think, for rarely is there a day that passes when we do not find ourselves wishing things would speed up, that the answers we want would arrive, or that the situations we endure would pass quickly.

Incline Your ear to our concerns and hear our petitions for Your presence in our everyday issues and for Your peace in our lives.

Put a new word in our mouths, words that demonstrate our trust in Your steadfast guidance, words that reveal our trust in Your divine will.

For happy are those who trust in You, who do not turn to voices of pride or power or to the false gods that promise easy fixes and short-term gain.

Throughout history, time and again, You have multiplied Your wondrous deeds, deeds more numerous than the trials any or all of us have faced. Countless are Your thoughts toward us, thoughts deeper and more sincere than the many prayers we have offered to You.

As we reflect on all that You are and all that You have done for us, may we give unto You all that holds us back from putting our hope in Your deliverance.

In Your merciful name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces its approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURCHETT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PRESIDENT TRUMP APPRECIATES THE IRANIAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Tehran regime is the leading sponsor of global terrorism, responsible for the cowardly murder of Iranians. Yet, the courage of the Iranian people continues, inspiring President Donald Trump to take action for the Iranian people to be liberated, ending 47 years of war on America and Israel.

Beginning in December, nationwide protests against the Iranian dictatorship grew as consumer prices soared with crushing inflation. The regime responded in shutting down the internet and began murdering demonstrators. More than 30,000 Iranians have been mercilessly murdered.

Fanatically, the regime continues killing its citizens as gruesomely evidenced last week, hanging 19-year-old Iranian wrestling champion, Saleh Mohammadi. Previously, beautiful Neda Agha-Soltan was shot and left to bleed to death on a street in Tehran.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump, mocking Trump. This week, he was mass murdering Ukrainian civilians in apartment buildings as exposed today by The Washington Times.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy Greek Independence Day, and I welcome Antonis Alexandridis, our new Ambassador from Greece and Athens to the United States.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE MELVILL

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

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great pilot and an even greater human being, Mike Melvill, who passed away last week at the age of 85.

Mike was a pioneer whose courage and skill helped open the final frontier. In 2004, the world watched in awe as he piloted SpaceShipOne into space, not once, but twice. In doing so, he earned the first FAA Commercial Space Astronaut Wings and became the first person to travel into space aboard a privately-developed spacecraft.

While the world knew him as a legendary test pilot, I saw firsthand that he was also a man of deep human decency and profound kindness.

Behind every record-breaking flight was a beautiful lifelong partnership. Mike and his wife, Sally, shared a wonderfully happy marriage that began as childhood sweethearts in South Africa and carried them through the early days of Mojave past the edge of space.

Mike was as humble as he was talented. He opened up space for everyone.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my deepest condolences to Sally and the Melvill family, and I wish Mike blue skies and tailwinds.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WES RUCKER

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Wes Rucker, who tragically lost his life on February 19.

Wes was an award-winning journalist covering athletics at the University of Tennessee beginning in 2000 for, I believe, The Daily Beacon at UT.

Wes began his career freelancing across East Tennessee, covering the Vols and other professional sports. In 2011, he joined "CBS Sports" as a senior writer and also hosted two radio shows on ESPN Radio Knoxville. Wes also hosted multiple podcasts, was a Heisman Trophy voter, an AP football and basketball poll voter, and a contributor to the AP All-American Team and All-SEC selections.

Most recently, Wes joined WBIR in August of 2025 as a guest columnist and began hosting a weekday sports show in November of 2025.

Wes' legacy will live on through Knoxville and the University of Tennessee. He was known as a wonderful guy who loved every second of his job and being with the UT family every day.

I ask that if you get a second today to please say a prayer for his wonderful wife, his young son, and his unborn