

United States Marine Corps Colonel whose extraordinary life of service spans three defining conflicts in our Nation's history: World War II, the Korean war, and the Vietnam war.

In each of these wars, Colonel Harris stood in defense of freedoms at moments when it was tested most. Colonel Harris has demonstrated time and again what it means to put Nation before self.

In doing so, he has embodied the highest ideals of the Marine Corps: honor, courage, and commitment.

Having lived through a century of American history, Colonel Harris represents more than remarkable longevity. He represents resilience. To witness 101 years and to have spent so many of them in service to others is itself extraordinary. His life tells the story of perseverance through hardship, faith through uncertainty, and leadership through change.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to have him as my constituent. From this Army colonel: Oorah and Semper Fidelis.

CONSTITUENT OF THE WEEK: PATRICE SUMMERS

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Patrice Summers on her 26 years of exceptional service to Prince William County.

Inspired by her mother's civic engagement, Patrice committed herself to public service from a young age. For over two decades, she served as an elections officer and then chief elections officer right here in Prince William County.

Patrice is also actively involved in the Virginia 512 organizing committee.

Beyond her public sector and union work, Patrice is a devoted caregiver to two of her family members. Her dedication to uplifting her neighbors, her family, and giving back to her community embodies a lifetime of selflessness.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate her on this well-earned recognition and honor her as this week's Constituent of the Week. Congratulations, and I thank her for all that she does.

CONSTITUENT OF THE WEEK: PRANAV VEDULA

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I honor my Constituent of the Week, Pranav Vedula, of Stafford County, Virginia, for winning the Seventh Congressional District's App Challenge.

The Congressional App Challenge is a nationwide competition that encourages students to explore STEM, coding and computer science by creating original software applications.

Pranav, a senior at Colonial Forge High School, did exactly that by developing an innovative app called ReCheck. ReCheck is a productivity app designed to assist individuals experiencing memory loss.

It allows people living with dementia to build customized to-do lists that help them maintain independence and confidence in their daily lives.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Pranav for using his skills to bring awareness to this critical issue and for his clear

commitment to improving people's quality of life. I wish him continued success in his future academic and professional pursuits.

CONSTITUENT OF THE WEEK: CURRY ROBERTS

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate my constituent of the week, Curry Roberts, on his retirement from serving as the president of the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance at the University of Mary Washington.

A Fredericksburg-area business leader, Mr. Roberts has dedicated his career to our community.

Mr. Roberts has attracted over 6,000 new jobs to the region, laying groundwork for key opportunities for industry to work with local government.

In addition to work on the FRA, Mr. Roberts also had a 35-year career in leadership on various nonprofit, public sector, and private-sector jobs.

Mr. Roberts has always had the back of our communities, and I am committed to paying this forward in Congress.

I congratulate him on his retirement, and I wish him well on his next chapter.

CONSTITUENT OF THE WEEK: RICHARD E. TOYE, SR.

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Richard E. Toye, Sr., a 98-year-old World War II veteran, for his service to our country.

Mr. Toye was drafted in 1944 and stationed in Okinawa as the member of the Quartermaster Corps.

After being discharged from Active Duty, he reenlisted and served in the Navy Reserves until 1950.

Mr. Toye has been a steady voice for positive change in Spotsylvania County. He volunteered with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, United Way, and the Spotsylvania County Democratic Committee.

As a 25-year Army veteran and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I know the depth of sacrifice that his service to our country demands.

That is why this week I am proud to recognize Mr. Toye as a constituent of the week. I thank him for his service to our Nation and for his continued work in our community. I will always work to deliver for veterans like him.

## RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROGERS of Alabama) at noon.

## PRAYER

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made Heaven and Earth. Lord, we call on Your creative and redemptive aid this day.

Inundated as we are by the issues before us, we pray that You, O Lord, would come before us to make a way through. Torrential as the waters of decision may be, we pray that You would speak Your word of calm and clear guidance. Enraged as are those who demand attention and answers, Lord, still the roaring waves of anxiety with Your word of peace.

Remind us that You, the one who spoke into the darkness and brought forth the light and called it good; You, who gathered the waters and brought forth the land and saw that it too was good; You, who made us in Your image that we would have authority over the creatures of Your design; You are the one who gives life to all things and has called them all good. It is You who are our strength and our redeemer.

Our help this day is in the name of the Lord who made Heaven and Earth. We pray in Your name that You would grant us Your blessing anew on this day.

In Your eternal name we pray.

Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PLASKETT 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 PRO TEMPORE

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

## RECOGNIZING TWO MEMBERS OF THE GREENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two outstanding

members of the Greenville Police Department: Senior Police Officer Mackenzie Rainone and Detective Brandon Peebles for their service to eastern North Carolina.

Officer Rainone, recently named the department's 2025 Officer of the Year, has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to public safety.

Over the last year, she made 98 arrests, conducted more than 2,500 traffic stops, and handled 81 crashes, all while serving as lead investigator on serious cases.

Just as importantly, she earned the respect of her community through her professionalism, fairness, and dignity.

It is especially fitting that we recognize Officer Rainone and the example she sets forth in law enforcement this month as it is Women's History Month.

I also rise to Recognize Detective Brandon Peebles as he retires after 24 years of dedicated service.

Throughout his career, he played a key role in major investigations, locating missing individuals, and dismantling large-scale drug operations.

Detective Peebles' legacy is not only in the cases he solved, but in the community that he made safer, helped build, and the trust he earned along the way.

Mr. Speaker, I thank both Officer Rainone and Detective Peebles for their unwavering commitment to protecting the people of Greenville and keeping us safe.

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH**

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize National Kidney Month and to speak plainly about it and what it means for my constituents in the Virgin Islands.

Chronic kidney disease affects more than one in seven American adults. When it progresses to end-stage renal disease, Black Americans bear four times the burden of other Americans.

The Virgin Islands already carries elevated rates of diabetes and hypertension, the primary drivers of kidney failure. Also, there is a genetic dimension that too few people know about: APOL1-mediated kidney disease. AMKD is caused by gene variants found almost exclusively in people of West African descent.

I was proud to introduce a resolution and host a roundtable, along with my fellow Georgetown alum, Alonzo Mourning, and the American Kidney Fund to raise awareness of AMKD.

I urge my colleagues to recognize that for thousands of Virgin Islanders and millions of Americans most vulnerable to these diseases, Medicaid and Medicare are lifelines. Any efforts to cut these programs is a direct attack on the most vulnerable among us.

**RECOGNIZING LEE POLIKOV**

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lee Polikov, the long-time county attorney for Sarpy County, Nebraska.

Lee is a graduate of Omaha Westside High School. He later earned his bachelor's and J.D. from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Along the way, he was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

He was eventually appointed to become the Sarpy County Attorney, after serving as a deputy in the sheriff's office. Through the years, he has managed a team of about 100 staff as he has worked to maintain the integrity of the county attorney's office and keep people safe.

This year, Lee decided not to run for reelection.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lee for his work leading the Sarpy County Attorney's Office and for serving the people of Sarpy County through the years.

Best wishes on his retirement, and I am sure tonight, like we all are, he will enjoy watching the Big Red defeat the Hawkeyes in the Sweet 16.

□ 1210

**CONGRATULATING VANCE CHARTER SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL**

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Vance Charter School won its first-ever North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A boys' basketball State championship defeating Thomas Jefferson 79-54.

Senior Gary Wilkins led the victory with the double-double, 23 points and 14 rebounds.

The Knights secured the title with an incredible second-half performance.

Hats off to Coach Downey, the Conference Coach of the Year, to his entire coaching staff, the team, fans, and community for making school history.

**HONORING ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE IN VIRGINIA'S FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

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

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor athletic excellence in Virginia's Fifth Congressional District.

The University of Virginia women's swimming and diving team captured their seventh consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference Swimming and Diving Championship and their 22nd conference title overall.

The team of 29 women won 11 titles, including seven individual and four relay events.

Junior Claire Curzan claimed two individual events and contributed to three relay wins, earning her the honor of being named the championship's Most Valuable Swimmer.

This team continues to exemplify discipline, teamwork, and the pursuit of excellence.

We congratulate the athletes, coaches, and staff of the University of Virginia's women's swimming and diving team.

**SALE OF MIDDLEBURG TRAINING CENTER**

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House the potential sale of the Middleburg Training Center to the Army.

The training center has been a bedrock of the town's local economy since its establishment in 1956. It is one of the leading horse training facilities in the country and a major driver of the local economy. There is really not a horse training facility, public or private, nearby.

To be clear, we welcome the Army and the Old Guard Caisson Detachment in Loudoun, but we need to give the community a voice in this process and consider alternative sites that won't disrupt the local economy.

If this sale goes through, thousands of jobs and tens of millions of dollars that benefit the local economy may be lost.

I ask that we slow this process down and consider an alternative site within the region that can appropriately accommodate the Caisson horses and provide a turnkey solution for the Army's needs.

**EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1131, I call up the bill (H. Res. 1128) expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the Department of Homeland Security, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1131, the amendments to the resolution and the preamble printed in House Report 119-570 are adopted, and the resolution as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H. RES. 1128

Whereas the Department of Homeland Security was established in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to ensure the safety and security of the United States and its citizens;

Whereas the Department of Homeland Security is comprised of more than 20 Federal