

part time in the MBA programs at Fordham and Iona. Most importantly, he served as commander of the David Potts, Jr. VFW Post 1156 in Larchmont for 10 years. Under his leadership, the post focused on service to veterans and service to the community. He also served on the board of the Westchester Board of Veterans Services and was a member of The American Legion.

Throughout his life, Burt was praised for his great intellect, leadership, gentle nature, intention to get it right, and sense of fairness. He was a peacemaker, and he abhorred pettiness. He cared about people and demonstrated it throughout his life. His family and friends will miss him terribly.

Burt is survived by his wife, Deirdre, his two sons, and his stepdaughter. From the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, we salute Burt Corwin and his life of service and dedication to his family, neighbors, and country.

PRICES AT THE PUMP

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, not quite 2 months ago, March 21 to be specific, I filled the tank of our family car at the local gas station three blocks from my home. It was near empty in the gas tank. The price for regular gas was \$4.19 per gallon, \$4.59 for plus, and \$4.99 for super. Twenty gallons later, I paid \$85.80 and headed back home.

This past Monday night before coming here to Washington by Amtrak, I did the same thing: \$4.79 per gallon, \$4.99 for plus, and \$5.59 for super. It was 60 cents more per gallon in just 50 days. The same gas cost me \$95.80, \$12 more than it did 50 days before. It was even higher back in March than it was in January.

If I needed a full tank once a week and prices were to freeze at today's rate, I would be paying \$600 more per year. That is a 15 percent increase.

With a congressional salary, I can afford it.

But what about the waitress? What about the factory worker? What about the home healthcare aide, the truck driver or the firefighter?

What about the nurse or the clerical worker? Are they getting a 15 percent pay raise this year?

Many of these people don't know much about the Strait of Hormuz. They don't know much about the shifting rates of tariffs. Maybe they care, maybe they don't, but they care that it costs more today on May 13 than it did on March 21 or on January 1.

Mr. Speaker, you can't blame this on Biden, although you will try. You can't blame this on Obama or Hillary or, for that matter, FDR, Grover Cleveland, or any and every Democrat that ever existed.

The fact is that on January 19, 2025, the Strait of Hormuz was open. The fact is on January 19, 2025, there were no across-the-board tariffs on products, including those from our friends, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and Japan. They are all rethinking what friendship means now.

Let's see what it costs me to gas up on June 23 or on September 5 or perhaps on the morning of November 3.

Mr. Speaker, you can gerrymander all you want. Everyone sees the signs in neon lights all over their town: \$4.19, \$4.39, and \$4.79. You can't gerrymander that.

CONGRATULATING ALPHA DELTA PI SISTERS

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of a milestone for women: to congratulate my Alpha Delta Pi sisters on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the founding of our sisterhood.

Established as the Adelphean Society on May 15, 1851, at Wesleyan Female College in Macon, Georgia, Alpha Delta Pi is the oldest secret society for college women, founded at the first college chartered to grant degrees to women.

The sorority encourages its members to "Be the First" and counts among its members the first female attorney to practice law in Missouri, the first woman to pass the Georgia bar, the first female president pro tempore in any State's senate, the first woman to lead the Marine Corps band, the first woman elected to executive office in Colorado, the first female inspector general for the 82nd Airborne Division, the first woman to join the United States Navy Blue Angels, the first female Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas, and countless other firsts in the fields of medicine, education, science and technology, athletics, business, journalism, and the arts.

Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald encouraged sisters to "never forget the unselfish devotion to service that our motto expresses."

For more than 45 years, the sorority has partnered with Ronald McDonald House. Chapters, alumnae associations, and individuals support their local Ronald McDonald House chapters through fundraising and volunteering, and collectively, Alpha Delta Pi has contributed more than \$25 million and countless hours to the organization.

Alpha Delta Pi recognizes that not all women participate in sororities as collegians. Therefore, the sorority encourages the proactive recruitment of alumnae initiates who exemplify the high ideals upon which the sisterhood is based.

It was a great honor for me to be invited to be an alumnae initiate of Alpha Delta Pi 5 years ago and to count these trailblazing women among my sisters.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STICKNEY MAYOR JEFF WALIK

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mayor Jeff Walik of Stickney, a man whose life was inseparable from the village that he loved.

Jeff served his community first as a police officer and later as mayor, always a fighter for Stickney. Mayor Walik never stopped pushing, never stopped advocating, and, frankly, never took "no" for an answer when it came to his home and his people.

Even those who disagreed with him knew one thing to be true: His commitment to Stickney was real. He carried his community in his heart everywhere he went. He never walked away from service, always protecting and fighting for the town he believed in.

Jeff was part of an era of public service that people will speak about with pride.

We extend our deepest condolences to the Walik family, the residents of Stickney, and all those mourning this tremendous loss. May he rest in peace.

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RECOGNIZING ST. PROCOPIUS CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Procopius Church—my first parish when I arrived in Chicago—on their 150th anniversary.

Founded in 1875 and located in the historic Pilsen community in my district, St. Procopius was first built to serve the growing population of Czech immigrants who settled in the neighborhood after the Great Chicago Fire.

Since then, the church has evolved alongside the community from its roots as a predominantly Czech parish to serving a very large and vibrant Mexican-American community that Pilsen is known for today.

The parish, now merged with Providence of God Parish and Holy Trinity Croatian Parish, continues to contribute greatly to the Pilsen neighborhood and the city of Chicago through community outreach, hosting cultural and religious celebrations, and providing education to children from 15 communities across Chicago through a dual-language parish school that I am proud to be an alum of.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate St. Procopius Church for marking a century and a half of faith, resilience, and dedicated service to the people of Chicago.

HONORING JUAN DIES AND VICTOR G. PICHARDO

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Juan Dies and Victor Pichardo, Mexican folk musicians who were recently recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts with the 2026 National Heritage Fellowship awards.

Juan and Victor cofounded Sones de Mexico in Pilsen, Illinois, and have dedicated their lives to preserving, sharing, and uplifting the rich traditions of Mexican folk music for new generations.

Through workshops, seminars, residencies, and performances, they

have taken Mexican music from neighborhood events in Pilsen to Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, and the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

For 35 years, Victor and Juan have taught hundreds of students in Mexico and the U.S., keeping traditions alive and strengthening cultural identity.

This award is a recognition of their contributions to enriching America's cultural tapestry.

"Juan, Victor, your music and achievements fill us with great pride"; "Juan, Victor, su musica y sus logros nos llenan de orgullo."

RECOGNIZING COACH MIKE PICKETT

(Mr. BEAN of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Madam Speaker, in soccer, the final whistle marks the end of a match, but today, it marks the close of a legendary career.

I rise to recognize an extraordinary coach, mentor, and leader from my district, Coach Mike Pickett of St. Johns Country Day School in Clay County, Florida, who is retiring after an incredible 28-year career.

Madam Speaker, his record is astounding: 28 years in coaching, 634 games, 23 district championships, 22 regional championships, and 22 Final Four appearances. His teams earned an astounding 15 State championships, ranking him second all-time in Florida and fifth in the Nation. Along the way, his program achieved 9 top 10 national rankings, including three times as the number one team in the country.

Coach Pickett's legacy goes far beyond the scoreboard. He helped shape the lives of countless young athletes, including more than 50 student athletes who went on to play collegiate soccer. Through his leadership, he instilled discipline, teamwork, and a lifelong love of the game.

Madam Speaker, Coach Pickett didn't just build a community program. He built character and opportunity for his students. As he steps away from the sidelines, we thank him for his dedication, his impact, and the example he has set both on and off the field.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Coach Pickett on an outstanding and incredible career. The final whistle has sounded, but his legacy will play on. I wish him all the best in the next game of life. Clay County and all of north Florida are very proud of Coach Pickett.

Go get 'em, Coach.

RECOGNIZING SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Madam Speaker, they call it the Sunshine State for a reason. As a young kid growing up in Florida, I basked in the sun every day, going without a shirt. I lifeguarded. I did everything in the sun.

Years later, walking through the halls of the Florida Legislature, Dr. Ralph Massullo, who is now a State senator said, "Bean, there is a spot on

you that you might want to get checked out." I did. I saw my dermatologist, and it was bad skin that had to get removed immediately.

Happy ending, Madam Speaker. That dangerous, bad skin was successfully removed, thanks to early detection and thanks to Dr. Massullo. It taught me a valuable lesson and put me on a mission, letting everybody know they have to respect the sunshine.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Skin Cancer Awareness Month to remind us all that something as simple as stepping outside can have long-term consequences if we don't respect the sunshine.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, with over 5 million cases diagnosed each year. The good news, Madam Speaker: It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

A little sunscreen, a hat, and some shade during the hottest part of the day are small steps that make a big difference. Also, visit your dermatologist regularly because early detection saves lives.

I am not here to sound alarms—or maybe—but just to make sure that people have the tools to protect themselves. I want families to enjoy the outdoors but be safe while in the sun.

Madam Speaker, in Florida, we say the sunshine is part of the good life. Let's make sure we are protecting that life while enjoying it.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KATHLEEN ANNE KOCH

(Mr. KENNEDY of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Kathleen Anne Koch, who passed away on March 17, 2026, at the age of 78.

Kathy was a devoted wife and mother, a proud grandmother, and, above all, a relentless fighter for justice.

Born on January 20, 1948, to Michael and Jeanne Honan, Kathy learned at a young age the importance of community, looking out for your neighbor, and never backing down from doing what is right.

Kathy grew up in South Buffalo, where she met her husband, Wally. Together, they shared a marriage of 52 years filled with laughter, partnership, and an unwavering devotion to family.

Kathy and Wally lived a true love story. They met at a New Year's Eve celebration near McKinley Parkway and got married shortly after at St. Teresa's Church. They were inseparable. They devoted every waking moment to one another and, in the process, created a lifetime full of beautiful memories.

After receiving a degree in social work from D'Youville University, Kathy began a career as an employment counselor at the Erie County Department of Social Services. For decades, she helped people find dignity,

stability, and economic security. She saw people not as cases but as neighbors, often celebrating their victories as if they were her own.

She didn't stop there. Kathy frequently followed up to make sure that those she helped stayed on a path toward success. That is who she was. She never did the bare minimum. She poured her whole heart into helping others each and every day.

She passed that calling on to her children, my dear friends, Melanie, Mike, and Walt, each of whom followed in their mother's footsteps and chose a life of service.

Melanie became a supervisor of special education for the Buffalo Public Schools, helping students with special needs to reach their full potential.

Mike, my former classmate and the best OT to come out of our class at D'Youville University, works as an occupational therapist, helping patients regain independence following traumatic injuries.

Walt, one of the most selfless public servants I have ever had the privilege to work with, serves as deputy district director and senior caseworker in my Buffalo office, where he dedicates every day to the betterment of our community.

Kathy instilled in her children a deep belief in the power of civic duty and the promise of our democracy. Inspired by leaders like President John F. Kennedy, Kathy believed that if you want to see change, you must fight for it.

Kathy never missed an election. She never sat on the sidelines. She knew that one voice could make a difference, and she used her own for the betterment of our community.

Kathy was a happy warrior in the fight for a better world. Her compassion was evident in the small, quiet acts that revealed the depth of her character.

Kathy was also an avid Buffalo Bills fan who never missed a game. In 1974, when she was nearly 9 months pregnant with identical twins Mike and Walton, she went to Rich Stadium for a Bills playoff game. When the Bills lost their first Super Bowl, she forced her children to skip school to go to the rally in front of Buffalo City Hall to welcome her beloved Bills home.

Kathy passed away on St. Patrick's Day, her favorite day of the year, surrounded by her entire family. Like many South Buffalonians, she was proud of her Irish heritage and loved celebrating her roots alongside those she loved.

To Kathy's children, Melanie, Mike, and Walt, and her grandchildren, Norah, Nicholas, Noah, and Liam, our Nation mourns with you.

Though Kathy will be deeply missed, her legacy lives on in each of them in every life that she touched.

Western New York is stronger because Kathy Koch was a part of it. May we honor her by carrying forward her fight for a better, more just world.

On behalf of a grateful nation and on behalf of a grateful community, may Kathleen Anne Koch rest in peace.