

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—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.

FORT THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL WINS 1A STATE TITLE

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Thomas High School boys' basketball team on winning the 2026 1A State championship.

The Apaches won their first title since 2020 with a score of 77–45 in the championship game. Nearly 10,000 fans were in attendance to cheer on Fort Thomas, making their victory that much sweeter.

Senior Damarae Dosela led the team, scoring 26 points, including three consecutive three-pointers at the end of the third quarter. His performance earned him the championship's MVP vote.

With this victory, the Apaches took home their 13th State title. Coach Matthew Dona, having led the team to this year's championship title, was named the Boys' 1A Conference Coach of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Dona, the whole team, and everyone who made this win possible. Their hard work has made their school and our community very proud. I hope the Apaches enjoy their victory. They earned it. Here is to another successful season and many, many more.

PIMA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL WINS 2A STATE TITLE

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pima High School boys' basketball team on winning the 2026 2A State championship title. The Roughriders took home the State title in a 40–29 victory over North Valley Christian, thanks to an incredible defense.

This victory marks the second State championship title the Roughriders have taken home in the last three seasons, after winning in 2023, as well, and their 12th overall.

Senior Keegan Corona scored 16 points, helping secure the win for Pima. Corona was also named the 2A East Region Offensive Player of the Year.

This victory caps off a 21-year career for Coach Cliff Thompson, with an impressive 475–173 record. This puts Thompson at 17th overall in Arizona history.

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

Roughriders, enjoy your victory. You have earned it. Here is to another successful season and many, many more.

PALO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL WINS 3A STATE TITLE

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Palo Verde High School boys' basketball team on winning the 2026 3A State championship title.

The Titans made school history with this victory, taking home their first basketball State championship in school history. They earned the title with a score of 52–41 against Coolidge High School.

Junior Rashad Ortiz led the team with 19 points and was chosen as MVP for the 3A State tournament.

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This amazing win comes after the Titans reached the 3A championship just last year.

Coach Anthony Smith has led the team since 2021, coaching the Titans to a State championship, a State runner-up, and a 96–40 record.

I congratulate Coach Smith, the whole team, and everyone who made this history-making win possible. Your hard work has made your school and our community very proud. May the Titans enjoy their victory. They have earned it.

Here is to another successful season and many, many more.

CELEBRATING JOHN McDERMOTT DURING NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

(Mrs. RAMIREZ of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, this morning I rise to celebrate a longtime Chicago leader, an organizer for housing justice, my mentor, and a dear friend, John McDermott.

John's legacy fighting for affordable housing is written across our city. From his work as the executive director at the Lakeview Action Coalition to his tenure at the Palenque LSNA, and his work to protect and preserve affordable and public housing at Lathrop Homes, there are few people whose names are as synonymous with housing justice as John's McDermott's.

Because of his mentorship and organizing, the Preserve Lathrop Campaign secured the replacement, rather than the demolition, of 925 public housing units and the preservation of historic buildings.

But John's impact extends beyond any one single campaign. John's mentorship has built housing justice leaders, many of whom serve now as Chicago's public servants today. I count myself among them.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my sincere honor to commend John McDermott for his lifetime of contributions in the fight for housing justice and affordable housing for all.

I congratulate John.

HONORING FELICIA DAVIS BLAKLEY

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Felicia Davis Blakley for her service to community, her commitment to women and families, and her fierce leadership.

A self-described girl from the South Side, Felicia has worked at the intersection of public policy and community

equity and inclusion for over three decades. Her notable and impactful career in nonprofit leadership and public service has blazed trails for women and girls across our entire city of Chicago.

Currently serving as the chief executive officer of Primo Center, Chicago's largest provider of services for families experiencing homelessness, Felicia's leadership is empowering families and creating equitable and sustainable communities across the city of Chicago.

As president and CEO of the Chicago Foundation for Women, she completed a historic \$45 million campaign, expanding critical resources for women and their families, and launching the SHEcovery initiative at a moment of profound need in response to COVID.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is truly my privilege to commend Felicia Davis Blakley for her radical authenticity, her unparalleled passion, and inspirational vision which she uses to shape initiatives that address the root causes of instability.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Felicia. Her name and the impact she has made throughout the city of Chicago and Illinois is now permanently entered in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR MIKE LEONHARDT

(Mr. MOORE of Utah was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a man who has been a fixture of northern Utah for decades, who unfortunately passed away recently with a short but hard-fought battle with cancer.

It is hard to think of a man more dedicated to his community than Garden City Mayor Mike Leonhardt.

Mayor Mike spent his life serving his Garden City as a city council member, fire chief, Bear Lake County Search and Rescue volunteer, and most recently as a three-term mayor. When he wasn't serving his community, Mike was often found riding his Harley with his wife, Tami, and enjoying the scenic backdrop of northern Utah.

It has been an honor to serve Garden City alongside Mayor Mike, and I will miss him at the next Raspberry Days.

My heart is with Tami, his 7 children, 24 grandchildren, and the entire Rich County community as we remember and share our fond memories of Mayor Mike.

CONGRESSIONAL BASKETBALL GAME

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago, on a court just blocks from here, Republicans and Democrats put aside the political divide, laced up our shoes, and went to battle.

The 26th Annual Congressional Basketball Game supports kids in our communities and stands as a reminder of what this place can be at its best.

I will be honest, the Members, a.k.a. the good team, the good guys, took a tough loss, 50–48. Yes, the lobbyists, a.k.a. the bad guys, are already talking