

campaign, alongside parents and community leaders, to protect this gem in our community.

Today, as ChiArts faces new threats to its unique existence, teachers and parents are organizing to protect their school: a center where our young artists can grow, our young artists can learn, guided by teachers and artists who believe in the power of art to bring our communities together.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my sincere honor to commend the "teachers," "maestras" of ChiArts for their unwavering commitment to Chicago's young people and to public, quality education for all. "We continue in the struggle"; "Seguimos en la lucha."

HONORING MARCOS CENICEROS

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marcos Cenicerros for his unwavering commitment to labor rights, racial and economic justice, and workers' solidarity.

Born and raised in Chicago by immigrant parents from Mexico, Marcos witnessed firsthand the struggles and resilience of working-class families fighting for a better life. It was these early experiences that motivated his 15 years of organizing for social and economic justice.

As a campaign organizer of the Grassroots Collaborative and a community organizer with the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, Marcos organized with young people and community members to defend their immigrant communities, expand access to education, deliver government budgets that center working people, and build community power.

Today, Marcos serves as the executive director of Warehouse Workers For Justice, where he organizes with warehouse workers across Illinois to win safer workplaces, fair wages, and dignity on the job. Marcos' leadership reminds us of the power of solidarity.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my privilege to commend Marcos Cenicerros for his dedication to building working people's power across our intersections. "Long live the working families and our immigrant communities"; "Que vivan los trabajadores siempre, que vivan los inmigrantes."

Mr. Speaker, I thank and congratulate Marcos.

RECOGNIZING SONIA CORTEZ

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sonia Cortez, whose career and leadership have reshaped our school communities in Illinois' Third Logan Square community.

As a young girl in Puerto Rico, Sonia learned at an early age the transformational power of education. After moving to Logan Square, she saw firsthand how systemic and persistent inequities in schools left so many students without the resources and support that they need to be able to thrive.

Rather than accepting those circumstances, Sonia changed them. You

see, for over 20 years, Sonia served as the parent mentor coordinator with Palenque LSNA, training parents to become partners in their schools, advocates in their communities, and leaders in education.

Today, more than 30 parent mentors have earned their teacher assistant licenses, with 20 currently serving at Avondale-Logandale School, supporting the growth and the development of our community students.

Last week, Sonia graduated her last class of parent mentors, marking a significant milestone in a long and impactful career that has changed lives, reshaped educational opportunities, and demonstrated the power of community in Logan Square and beyond.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize the remarkable legacy of Sonia Cortez for decades of mentorship, leadership, and community building that have reshaped Logan Square and the city of Chicago.

"Thank you and congratulations"; "gracias y felicitaciones," Sonia.

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HONORING JACK HOLSCRAW

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Memorial Day, I rise to recognize a true gentleman who lived a life of honor and service to the Nation and the community of Spokane, Mr. Jack Daniels Holsclaw.

Mr. Holsclaw was born in Spokane and, from a young age, demonstrated excellence. As a 15-year-old, he was the first African American to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout in Spokane. Attending North Central High School, he excelled academically in sports and later attended both Whitworth College and Washington State University, where he played baseball for famed coach Arthur "Buck" Bailey.

On October 5, 1942, Jack enlisted in the Army as a private and later entered flight school. He trained at the Tuskegee Army Airfield in Alabama and received his wings and commission in the Army Air Corps in 1943.

In December 1943, his squadron was shipped overseas to Italy, where he became part of the famed 332nd Fighter Group. The aircraft of the 332nd had distinctive red tails to differentiate them from other P-51 outfits, leading to the nickname "Red Tails."

Lieutenant Holsclaw fought his most memorable aerial battle on July 18, 1944. That day, all four squadrons of the 332nd Fighter Group, each composed of 16 P-51s, were providing protection for B-17 bombing runs on German targets. The group leader was forced to return to base due to engine problems. Lieutenant Holsclaw, without being ordered, took over command.

A German fighter force of nearly 300 ME-109s attacked the bomber forma-

tion. Three squadrons stayed with the bombers while Lieutenant Holsclaw, as flight leader of the day, took part in a mission. They were able to pursue in certain circumstances in the battle. Eleven German planes were shot down. Lieutenant Holsclaw shot down two ME-109s. The effective 332nd Fighter Group reaction allowed the bombers to hit their targets with no losses.

For his actions of taking the lead on July 18, 1944, and downing two enemy aircraft, Jack Holsclaw was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. By December 1944, he had completed 68 combat missions.

Captain Holsclaw returned to the United States in June 1945 and continued on with service in what became the United States Air Force. He would rise to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

On December 31, 1964, Lieutenant Holsclaw retired and received the Distinguished Service Medal for his accomplishments. Jack and his wife, Bernice, ultimately returned to Spokane, where he completed a second career in banking in 1983.

Mr. Speaker, it is exemplary men like Lieutenant Colonel Jack Holsclaw who built the Air Force of today. Our Nation owes him and men like him a debt of gratitude. I would say, as a father of children who attend North Central High School, I hope that they one day grow up to be citizens like Lieutenant Holsclaw.

HONORING PHIL KOWZAN

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the remarkable service of Phil Kowzan, an 88-year-old Spokane resident who spent 25 years honoring our veterans with the solemn sound of taps.

For 3,335 funerals at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery, Mr. Kowzan stood in all weather to ensure every servicemember received a live, personal tribute. He began this mission in 2001 when he refused to let a friend's funeral rely on a recording, choosing instead to play taps himself.

In March, Mr. Kowzan performed the melody for the final time, closing a quarter century of quiet, steadfast service. Though his bugle will now fall silent, the dignity he brought to each farewell will endure.

Mr. Speaker, join me in honoring Phil Kowzan for his devotion, humility, and unwavering respect for those who served our Nation.

RECOGNIZING SPOKANE POOL HEROES

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary heroism displayed by a group of individuals from Spokane, including four remarkable teenagers whose quick thinking and selfless action saved a man's life on April 18.

While swimming at the Mirabeau Park Hotel pool in Spokane Valley, Ben Wagele, Weston Collins, and siblings Rae and Ethan Overby noticed a man unconscious in the water and immediately sprang into action. Together, they pulled him to safety. Rae Overby began prompt administration of chest compressions.

They were soon joined by hotel employees Tammy Hall and Donovan Bond, who assisted in performing CPR until first responders arrived on the scene.

According to the paramedic captain who responded, the patient likely would not have survived were it not for the group's awareness, immediate response, and remarkable teamwork under pressure.

In recognition of their lifesaving efforts, these six individuals were honored by the Spokane Fire Commissioners. I am proud to recognize them for their courage and commend each for their exemplary actions here on the floor of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, as we approach Memorial Day, I also encourage families across the country to celebrate safely. May this inspiring story serve as a reminder of the profound difference ordinary people can make.

RECOGNIZING 61ST ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, this week marks 61 years of Head Start, one of the most transformative antipoverty programs in our Nation's history.

For more than six decades, Head Start has given millions of children a fair shot by providing early education, meals, healthcare, and support for working families. It showed that every child, no matter their ZIP Code or income, mattered.

Today, Republicans have cut and chronically underfunded this program, threatening the lifeline for families across the country. Instead of investing in billionaires and endless wars, we should be investing in our children.

I am calling on my colleagues to support and pass our Head Start for America's Children Act, as we mark 61 years of this successful program.

This bill would expand access to 11 million more eligible young children nationwide. Eleven million children across our country are eligible, but there are not enough spots. We would also be raising wages for our educators and strengthening support services for our families.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that Head Start works, so let's invest in this program. It is an anchor, not only for the child but for the whole family.

STAND FOR SAVING LIVES

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, over 3,000 people in Lebanon have been slaughtered since the start of the Israeli apartheid regime's brutal war on all of Lebanon.

More than 1.2 million people have been displaced violently. That is over 20 percent of Lebanon's entire population.

We cannot stay silent while innocent civilians are being exposed to white phosphorus bombs that melt flesh to the bone.

Inaction is not an option, Mr. Speaker. That is why I will be forcing a vote on the War Powers Resolution to end U.S. support of Israel's indiscriminate bombings in Lebanon.

We all know what doing nothing looks like, and we are witnessing right now a repeat playbook of the Israeli military's actions in Gaza. Entire families are being erased in Lebanon, villages and cities turned into rubble. Targeting of civilians has continued to be increasing, as well as the targeting of medics and journalists.

The United States is not a bystander to these war crimes. It is an active participant. Our government is providing intelligence and coordinating strikes, and the American people are tired of watching their tax dollars fuel death, destruction, and endless war. They are tired of hearing that we don't have money for healthcare or childcare at home, while watching U.S. bombs destroy hospitals and steal the futures of children abroad.

Mr. Speaker, this war powers vote is clear, and it is a moral choice. Do you stand for saving lives, or do you stand for endless wars?

ENDING CHILD POVERTY

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, in the wealthiest country in the history of the world, we have some of the highest rates of poverty among our children. As of 2024, more than 9.7 million children have lived in poverty in the United States. That is a 154-percent increase since 2021.

Imagine if our government invested in the well-being of our children like they invest in wars?

Congress has the power and the money to end child poverty today, feed every single one of our children today, and make sure that every opportunity that they need to succeed is available today.

Instead, we are debating \$1 billion to Trump for a ballroom that no one asked for, while defunding and destroying Federal programs that help our children get fed, clothed, housed, and educated. The hardship, food insecurity, health issues, and instability that poverty causes is impacting families throughout my district and throughout our country.

Mr. Speaker, I am calling on my colleagues to support Representative JACOBS and my end poverty resolution and support the most vulnerable population.

HONORING DARREL THOMAS

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Darrel Thomas, who passed away on May 13, 2026.

A proud U.S. Navy veteran, Darrel proudly served our Putnam County communities throughout his life. Darrel was a former member and president of the Putnam County Council. He served the 4-H community in numerous capacities, was a 4-H Hall of Fame in-

ductee in 2021, and worked for 31 years as a 4-H extension agent for Putnam County.

Darrel also served on the parks and recreation board. For his service in his community, he was the recipient of the State of Indiana's Sagamore of the Wabash Valley Award.

Darrel is survived by two daughters and his many grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Darrel for his tremendous service to Putnam County and to our outstanding students. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATING LYNNE S. TAYLOR

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Lynne S. Taylor, the Retter Distinguished Professor of Pharmacy at Purdue University, who recently received the prestigious Research Ireland St. Patrick's Day medal for 2026.

This is an award given to permanent academic and industry leaders and researchers with strong Irish roots. The Irish leader, Taoiseach Micheal Martin, said Professor Taylor is "helping to shape the future of medicine and strengthen international relationships."

Professor Taylor's research has been foundational for solubility-enabling technologies, helping develop life-saving treatments for diseases like hepatitis C and cancer. She has become an international expert in drug formulation science, and her work will surely save and have an enduring impact on the world.

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud that this outstanding scientist is getting her recognition for her work.

HONORING RICHARD MCCLAIN

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Richard McClain. Rich McClain was born and raised in Logansport, Indiana, served in the U.S. Navy from 1964 to 1968, and graduated from Purdue University in 1970.

Rich was an active member of his community, volunteering at his church, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the Neal Home Board, the Mental Health Association, and as the chairman of the Iron Horse Festival in 1985.

Rich served at the Indiana State House from 1994 to 2012, where he was known as "Squeezer" because he printed toothpaste squeezers during elections.

Rich is survived by a loving family, his wife, Barrie; sons, Jeff and Nate; and five grandchildren, Brandt, Lauran, Clark, Katie, and Saylor; a great-grandson, Warner, as well as siblings and extended family.

Mr. Speaker, my prayers are with the family and friends of Rich. May he rest in peace.

HONORING RICHARD FRAZIER AND ROBERT THORNE

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, as Memorial Day approaches, I am reminded of those whom I served with in Vietnam. Two have names etched in the Vietnam Memorial, Richard Frazier and Robert