

5 in 14 arduous innings. Most certainly, Greencastle-Antrim's first State baseball championship title was secured in an incredible fashion.

Relying on superior talent, resilience, and team chemistry, they finished the season with a 24-3 record. The team will forever be a source of pride for the community.

I congratulate the players, Head Coach Eric Shaner, and the members of his staff of Greencastle-Antrim for this historic achievement.

RECOGNIZING McLEAN PINER

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I take great joy today to recognize the dedication, loyalty, and hard work of my legislative director and healthcare adviser, McLean Piner, and to congratulate him on a well-earned next chapter he will soon embark upon.

I have known McLean his entire life. McLean comes from a great family who live just around the corner from me in our neighborhood in Greenville, North Carolina. My wife and I are great friends with his parents, and our children played and went to school together for many years.

In fact, only one issue ever caused any consternation between the Murphys and the Piners, and it was their inexplicable, and, frankly, despicable, allegiance to Duke University sports programs. Such a fine family, but such misguided loyalty. At least they know that the great basketball coach, Coach K, lost his final game to UNC. Fortunately, this one personal impediment, which I hope one day he will grow out of, has not impacted his character nor will it impede his career.

McLean first began working for me back in 2016 as an intern while I served in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Not possessed with a loud voice, nonetheless, he was still a hard worker, tenacious, and a joy to have around.

When I came to Congress in 2019, I was able to wrangle him away from a job downtown to come work for my office. Since then, he has put his head down and continued to earn a place of very high respect in Washington.

Over nearly 8 years, McLean distinguished himself, working his way up from legislative correspondent all the way to legislative director, a role he has now held for 3 years.

He quickly established himself as a force to be reckoned with when it came to healthcare issues. As a physician, my chief focus in Congress has been one of making healthcare accessible, affordable, and of the highest quality. I have fought for patients and those who deliver their care.

We have endured close to 7 years of late-night votes, painful policy briefings, unconscionably long markups, and spirited hearings in the Ways and Means Committee. Yet, through count-

less meetings, briefs, and events, McLean has been there every step of the way with me. We have learned from each other, and his counsel is one I have learned to appreciate and trust.

At the beginning of this session, he came to me and told me he was being recruited by the administration for a job there. I told him no, he wasn't ready, and he had more to learn. Now he is ready. As all good mentors should do, when it is time, they should let their proteges fly away.

McLean will soon depart Team Murphy for the next chapter of his career, an enormous and deserving leap forward over at the Department of Health and Human Services as Deputy Assistant Secretary.

With gratitude and a heart full of pride, I honor and congratulate McLean on this remarkable run we have had and his very, very bright future.

It is not often a Member possesses a staff member that has shown such loyalty, thoughtfulness, and dedication as McLean Piner. Washington can be a very difficult environment to operate in, especially those new to politics.

McLean has developed a keen sense of what is necessary to deliver meaningful change to improve American healthcare. His intellect, ability to connect with others, and communication have made him an indispensable asset to anyone who wants to get down to business and make an impact.

While I wish I could keep McLean in my office as long as I have the privilege to serve in this body, it is time now for him to move on. I have no doubt that he will be successful in his new perch, continuing to serve the American public.

This is not a good-bye, but it is a celebration. It is a heartfelt congratulations that I salute a special individual who deserves great recognition and will continue to impress beyond my imagination.

I give my congratulations to McLean. I wish him well in his next chapter and next journey. I thank him for his service in my office on behalf of the constituents of eastern North Carolina.

HONORING JAMIE ROBINETTE ON HER RETIREMENT

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize someone whose name is not in the headlines, but whose impact has been felt through the Halls of Congress and across America. Mr. Speaker, today I have the distinct privilege of honoring my chief of staff, Jamie Robinette, as she retires after 25 years of extraordinary service to the United States House of Representatives.

For 25 years, Jamie Robinette has been one of those professionals whose leadership, wisdom, and steady hand have helped Members of Congress serve

their constituents with excellence. Jamie has spent her career making others successful, including this Congressman, Mr. Speaker, and ensuring that the people's business gets done.

Jamie's congressional journey began in 2001 with Congressman John Culberson of Texas. Over her first 18 years in that office, she held virtually every position and eventually, not surprisingly, rose to chief of staff. She became known quickly as someone whose judgment could be trusted, whose word was good, and whose dedication to public service never wavered.

She later brought that same commitment and experience as chief of staff to Congressman Ross Spano and senior adviser to Congressman NEAL DUNN and as the first executive director of the Suburban Caucus under Congresswoman ANN WAGNER. At every stop, Jamie earned a reputation for building strong teams, developing talented staff, and solving difficult problems.

From my very first day as a Member of Congress, Jamie became my trusted adviser and leader of the Bean Team. She has helped shape our office into one that puts constituents first, responds with urgency, and approaches every challenge with professionalism and respect.

Anyone who has crossed paths or worked with Jamie knows that she possesses both institutional knowledge and genuine humility. She understands the rules of the House, the complexities of the legislative process, and the utmost importance of constituent service.

What truly sets her apart is how she treats people. She leads with grace. She listens before she speaks, and she mentors young staff with patience and encouragement. She celebrates the success of others before her own. She constantly takes calls from me: Hey, can you talk to this young person who is thinking about a career? She takes it and gives them that advice.

To Jamie's family, who is in the gallery today, thank you for sharing her with me and the institution which she served so faithfully. Public service requires sacrifice not only from those who serve, but those who support them at home. The recognition belongs to you as well.

Mr. Speaker, public service remains one of the noblest callings in our Nation. Jamie has answered that call every day for 25 years with honor, excellence, humility, and grace.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of Florida's Fourth Congressional District, thank you, Jamie. God bless you, your family, and the next chapter of your life. Go get 'em.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair and not to refer to persons in the gallery.

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RECOGNIZING AGATUCCI'S RESTAURANT

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Agatucci's Restaurant in Peoria, Illinois, as it approaches an extraordinary milestone of 100 years in business.

This family-owned restaurant has been a cornerstone of central Illinois since 1926, representing the enduring spirit of entrepreneurship, family, and community that defines the heart of Peoria.

Founded in 1926 by Vincenzo "James" Agatucci, Agatucci's Restaurant began as a small grocery store before becoming one of Peoria's most beloved family-owned restaurants.

During the Great Depression, James transformed his grocery store into a restaurant to serve the community, later obtaining liquor license number 13, now the oldest continually owned license in Peoria.

The Agatucci family has built a tradition of hard work, tremendous hospitality, and excellence. From introducing pizza to Peoria after World War II to expanding into the frozen pizza and sauce market, Agatucci's has continued to bring people together over delicious food and warm hospitality.

Agatucci's is proudly operated by the fourth generation of the Agatucci family. As the restaurant enters its 10th decade, Danny and Tony Agatucci remain committed to the same values that built their family's legacy.

As we commemorate this incredible milestone, I recognize Danny and Tony Agatucci, their fathers whom they learned from, and the entire Agatucci family for their dedication, entrepreneurial spirit, and lasting contribution to Peoria.

Congratulations on 100 years of family, food, and community. Best wishes for the next 100 years.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BICE) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Holy and wise God, grant our hearts wisdom. May we receive Your Word and

heed Your instruction, that what we intend for this day would prosper in accordance with Your will.

May we trust in You, O Lord, that we would bear the fruit of the guidance You provide as we labor in this place.

Grant us, as well, the gift of discernment, and the support of Your strength and encouragement, so that, as challenging as it may seem, we would speak Your truth and do what is right in Your sight.

From the fountain of life that You graciously provide, may we learn prudence. Then may the meditations of our hearts and the words of our mouths prove judicious and useful, keeping us from the influence of our folly.

Today, may the lives we live and the words we speak be led by the hand of Your instruction, that we may teach others of Your wisdom and will.

In Your sovereign 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 gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. FIELDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FIELDS 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.

APPRECIATING LINDSEY GRAHAM

(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. Madam Speaker, South Carolinians are shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM.

Senator GRAHAM enthusiastically served the people of the Palmetto State and America as a public servant and veteran. As a patriot, tireless for peace through strength, he successfully challenged totalitarians.

President Donald Trump memorialized GRAHAM as one of the greatest people and Senators he has ever known.

The New York Post analyzed that "all Americans of good will should be inspired to keep up his lifelong fights for freedom, decency, and justice."

The Wall Street Journal editorialized that the death of LINDSEY GRAHAM "is a loss for the country and the cause of global freedom."

All three generations of the Wilson family extend deepest sympathy with our thoughts and prayers for the family led by his sister, Darline Graham Nordone, of Lexington.

In conclusion, God bless our troops. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, and insulting Trump and mocking Trump, which inspired Senator GRAHAM to successfully achieve legislative sanctioning of war criminal Putin.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LOUISIANA STATE SENATOR LARRY C. SELDERS

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

Mr. FIELDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of a great man.

Louisiana recently lost one of its brightest lights with the unexpected passing of Louisiana State Senator Larry C. Selders at just 44 years of age.

Larry leaves behind his wife, Kendra, and his two sons, L.J. and Luke. The boys were, by every account, inseparable from his side, and he loved them dearly.

Larry devoted himself to helping people rebuild their lives. His compassion stayed consistent while he earned his social work degree from Southern University all the way to the Louisiana Legislature, first as a State representative for District 67 and then as State senator for District 14.

Described as a gentle giant whose kindness made everyone feel like he was an old friend, he humbly approached public service, always lifting up others rather than seeking recognition.

Larry Selders leaves behind a legacy built not on titles but on the countless lives he touched as a devoted husband, a proud father, a trusted friend, and a true public servant.

Louisiana is better because of him, and as a good friend of mine personally, this is a loss.

HONORING MAJOR ALEXANDER DAVIS OF GOLDSBORO

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart to honor Air Force Major Alexander Davis of Goldsboro.

On June 15, our Nation mourned when a tragic B-52 mishap at Edwards Air Force Base claimed the lives of eight brave airmen.

Alex was among them, and his life was defined by selfless service. From earning the rank of Eagle Scout to his time at North Carolina State University and his distinguished military career, he faithfully answered every call to serve.

Whether flying missions, modernizing our Air Force, or encouraging those around him, he was dependable. He dreamed of one day becoming an astronaut, always reaching for the skies.