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HONORING SHERIFF JOHN WILCHER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish my good friend a very happy 82nd birthday, Sheriff John Wilcher, retired sheriff of Chatham County, Georgia.

A lifelong Savannah County resident, George dedicated 49 years of his life to serving the people of Chatham County, earning a reputation as a straight-talking tough guy.

He served in both the United States Navy and the Army Reserve before joining the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, where he rose to the rank of colonel over 40 years of service.

In 2016, Wilcher became the oldest person elected to the sheriff's office in Chatham County history and served with distinction until his retirement in 2024.

Throughout his career, John earned the Georgia Sheriffs' Association Excellence Award and was recognized for his work improving mental health services in jails and raising over \$300,000 for the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy birthday to Sheriff Wilcher. The First District of Georgia is grateful for his lifetime of service. Happy birthday to my friend.

RECOGNIZING CHARLOTTE KING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Member from Delaware (Representative MCBRIDE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible Delawarean whose impact has long shaped the work of racial justice in Sussex County and across Delaware.

Charlotte King, who founded the Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice in 2015, has committed decades of her life to fighting inequities across health, education, and public policy.

As we celebrate a decade of work by the Alliance, we honor and celebrate Ms. King's continued impact, her tireless commitment to neighbors, and ceaseless devotion to the betterment of Delaware.

Charlotte King has long been a barrier-breaker. During her time at St. John's University in the 1950s, she was one of the Magnificent Seven, a cohort of seven Black students who enrolled

at the university amid the civil rights movement.

In 2000, she moved to the greatest State in the Union, settling in Lewes, where she began volunteering with the League of Women Voters and was struck by the lack of Black representation in Sussex County.

The weight of the untold stories and unheard voices of our Black neighbors is what drove Charlotte to found the Alliance.

The organization's primary purpose has been to showcase Delaware's history, identify how to support Black Delawareans, and how to empower all Delawareans to be stronger, better advocates for racial justice, and equality.

During her 8 years leading the alliance, Charlotte developed an organization that offered townhalls with civic servants, from local leaders and police chiefs, hosted educational seminars, and supported the development of both the Black Voices Magazine and the African American Film Festival.

I recently had the privilege of sitting down with Charlotte in her living room to hear the stories of her trailblazing life and discuss the ongoing need for progress in Delaware and nationally.

She is a bold leader, a bridge builder, and she continues to serve as a conscience for our State of neighbors.

In the last year alone, her work and impact has been honored. She was inducted into the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame, honored by the Delaware Times with the Mitchell Award, and recently named one of the most influential people in Delaware.

At a moment when a coordinated attack on Black political power is unfolding before our eyes across the country, it is citizen leaders like Charlotte who embody that charge from the late Congressman John Lewis to get into good and necessary trouble in order to redeem the legacy and reclaim the story of this country.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize her in this Chamber today and applaud her years of service to Delaware and the powerful work she has done to move the First State toward justice for all.

REMEMBERING CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark both the anniversary of a profound loss and the reminder it serves at this moment in our Nation's story.

Six years ago, Congressman John Lewis passed away. He was a titan of the civil rights movement, who worked tirelessly to deliver justice, expand equality, and secure the right to vote for every American, including Black Americans.

Today, however, we are navigating a moment where the work he devoted his life to is increasingly under threat. We have seen executive actions that would make it harder for Americans to vote. We have witnessed renewed attempts to undermine confidence in our elections and intimidate those who administer them.

Right now in this very Congress, we are facing a renewed push to establish what amounts to a modern day poll tax on Americans.

Most recently, the Supreme Court has facilitated the dismantling of Black political representation in this Chamber and green-lit racial discrimination in voting so long as the proponents simply say it is for partisan purposes.

Congressman Lewis often spoke of his hopefulness for the future because he was adamant that tomorrow could be better and more just than today.

It is our job to pick up that mantle and continue that work.

In 2020, while commemorating the anniversary of Bloody Sunday on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Congressman Lewis reminded us of his important rallying call, to get into what he called good trouble, to help redeem the soul of America.

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Throughout his miraculous life, he never lost faith in the central ingredient of change, the necessary foundation of democracy, his belief in the capacity for other people to change, and, therefore, for our country to change.

He reminds us that hope is not reserved for moments when progress feels inevitable or easily attainable. We must harness it, most especially in moments like this one. When the reasons for hopelessness seem greatest, that is when the legacy of good trouble, necessary trouble, is most essential.

CONGRATULATING TANQUE VERDE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tanque Verde High School softball team on winning the 2026 3A State championship title.

The Hawks earned the title by defeating Yuma Catholic by a 10-0 score.

This victory marks the team's first-ever championship, an accomplishment that is exciting and worth celebrating.

During the championship game, Tanque Verde added their first run on the board in the third inning, before adding six runs in the fourth, one in the fifth, and two more in the sixth.

Junior pitcher Claire Achilles was named the Class 3A MVP after pitching six innings, allowing a hit and recording 13 strikeouts.

Additionally, sophomores Mikaela Jackson and Ella Haggard each had three hits during the game.

The Hawks gave all they had and came out on top. I am so proud of them.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Mark Stevens, the whole team, and everyone who made this win possible. Their hard work has made their school and our community proud. I know the Hawks will enjoy their victory. They have earned it, and here is to another

successful season and many, many more.

CONGRATULATING SALPOINTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Salpointe Catholic High School softball team on winning the 2026 4A State championship title.

This victory marks the team's seventh title in the last nine years.

Confident in the team's ability to win this year's title, Salpointe Coach Tricia Sztan and her staff ordered shirts with the slogan "#TakeItBack2026" written on the back.

At the beginning of the fifth inning, senior second baseman Alyssa Montano led with a single and advanced to second with the help of senior pitcher-outfielder Soli Ramos.

Then Catherine "Peaches" Sztan hit an RBI single to center field that scored Montano and tied up the game at 2.

The Lancers finished the fifth inning with three runs after an RBI single by senior catcher Sarah Camp and RBI double by senior first baseman CC Moraga with two outs which put the Lancers ahead 4-2.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Sztan, the whole team, and everyone who made this win possible. Their hard work has made their school and our community very proud. I know the Lancers will enjoy their victory. They have earned it, and here is to another successful season and many, many more.

CONGRATULATING THE CANYON DEL ORO HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Canyon del Oro High School softball team on winning the 2026 5A State championship title.

After three runner-up finishes in the past five seasons, the Dorados came out on top this year with a score of 4-3 in the championship game, finishing the season 29-6.

This victory marks the team's first State title since 2017. It is also Coach Kelly Fowler's third title since starting at CDO.

During the game, junior first baseman Emma Shaffer scored a three-run home run at the top of the first inning, putting the Dorados up 3-0 early in the game.

The game was tied up 3-3 for a short time, but the tie was broken after Shaffer forced a walk to load the bases and freshman second baseman Brooklyn Benavides moved the score to 4-3.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Kelly Fowler, the whole team, and everyone who made this win possible. Their hard work has made their school and our community very proud. I know the Dorados will enjoy their victory. They have earned it, and here is to another successful season and many, many more.

END THE WAR IN IRAN

(Ms. MORRISON of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. MORRISON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise against the Trump administration's reckless, costly, and illegal war in Iran.

In just the last 24 hours, President Trump's deal has collapsed yet again. Tensions have escalated, blockades have been reinstated, and strikes have resumed.

President Trump has informed the Nation that we are, once again, at war with Iran, an illegal war that no one asked for, no one wanted, and yet every American is paying the price for.

Donald Trump is backing the United States into a corner, and the worst part about it is that he has no plan to get us out. His strategy is to bomb first, think later. He is sacrificing our economy, our security, and our standing in the world, and for what?

One in two Americans can't afford health insurance. Food, housing, and childcare costs are astronomical. Inflation is at a 3-year high and the cost of gas, groceries, and everything in between is going up.

President Trump was elected to office on the promise of lowering costs and ending unwinnable wars overseas, and yet here we are.

Now, he is demanding that taxpayers pay hundreds of billions of dollars to fund his new endless, costly, illegal war in Iran.

The American people deserve so much better from their President. When Donald Trump first got us into this war, he said it would last about 4 to 6 weeks. Well, now it has been 20.

Over the last 5 months, the Trump administration has spent more than \$100 billion on their illegal war on the other side of the world.

Do you know what \$100 billion could fund here at home? Childcare for 7 million children, healthcare for 10 million people, food assistance for 45 million Americans. These aren't just arbitrary numbers. Trump's actions have real impacts and real costs on real people's lives.

Let's not forget that this comes as Trump made the single largest cut to healthcare and food assistance in our Nation's history last year.

After millions of Americans have lost their health insurance and families are struggling to feed their children, President Trump is now demanding that taxpayers send hundreds of billions of dollars to fight a foreign war overseas.

Of course, now President Trump has literally told us time and time again that he does not care about the American people. Well, he may not care, but the elected officials in this Chamber should. It is literally our job to do what is best for our constituents. We cannot stand by and watch President Trump drag us into yet another mess, especially when it is at the expense of Americans every single time.

Let's just step back for a moment here and ask the question: Why are we even in this war?

This administration still can't give us a good answer. No explanation. No reason. No strategy. No endgame. As an American, as a patriot, as the wife of an Army combat veteran, I am outraged. When you make the decision to send American soldiers into harm's way, you better have a damn good reason for it and you better know what you are doing. We have neither, and this administration continues to recklessly put our troops' lives on the line without care or cause.

It is shameful. That is why I am joining my colleague and combat veteran Representative PAT RYAN in fighting to end this reckless war and reassert our congressional authority over war-making powers.

Madam Speaker, we need to pass the No Funds for Iran War Act and stop any more taxpayer dollars from being used for military action against Iran.

Both Chambers of Congress, which are Republican controlled I might add, have passed War Powers Resolutions to end the Iran war but there needs to be more.

President Trump thinks he is above the law, but he is not. It is up to the Republican majorities in Congress to stop him. It is their constitutional duty to put the American people, our national security, our economy above a single President's self-serving war of choice.

Madam Speaker, I plead to my Republican colleagues, what is your line? When will you put the American people first and stop this war?

We are not powerless. We can end this war. I implore my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to listen to the American people, find their courage, and end this war.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING JIM WALDEN

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

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a legend and the life of a legend, Washington State University Coach Jim Walden, who passed away recently.

Coach Walden served as the Cougars head football coach from 1978-1986.

From the time he took over between the 1977 and 1978 seasons, he was not one to hold back as a coach, and neither was his Cougar football team. The Cougs displayed many of the same characteristics Jim exhibited, including a passion for the sport and an outspoken and charismatic personality.

Taking the reins after WSU had three coaches in 3 years, Jim Walden assured the Cougar faithful he would not only stay around, but he would stay around and build a winning team. Four years