

of her. Mills is a graduate of Greenville Weston High School and Alcorn State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a special education and reading endorsement.

She was an educator in the public school district and realized there was a need for extra help for students in the after-school extended program.

With more than 20 students enrolled, Mills said she hopes to continue the growth of the academy and wants to be able to make a bigger impact. "I really believe I can make an impact in children's lives and I want to see growth in them. One of my main goals is to see how I helped that child. I am very passionate about education because it's the key to success," Mills said.

While Mills' focus right now is on the third-grade reading test, she also helps students prepare for the ACT. "I had one student to go from a 16 to an 18, and he was preparing to get into nursing school and that was his main focus," she said.

Parents in the community have been very supportive of her mission and have participated in many of the Mills Academy events, which include: fundraisers, paint classes, movie nights for the kids and even an event for Dr. Seuss' birthday that the parents and community supports," she said.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mills Academy for its dedication to serving and giving back to the community.

CONGRATULATING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ELKHART ON CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Elkhart on celebrating 100 years of service.

In 1917, the 36th Kiwanis Club was formed in Elkhart, Indiana. Since then, this incredible unit of volunteers and local leaders has been dedicated to improving the lives of children around the world and right here at home.

Kiwanis Clubs around the country and across the globe aim to encourage, support, and inspire local youth to make a difference in their communities. From rebuilding schools to hosting food drives, Kiwanians are serving others while learning to work together and find positive solutions to society's most challenging problems.

The commitment of Elkhart Kiwanis to serving our community is demonstrated by its signature program, Knowledge is Dynamite—or KID—Day. Twice a year, they honor a group of local fourth grade students who have demonstrated perseverance and personal growth. Over the last 30 years, they have recognized the achievements of more than 1,300 students and inspired countless more to set and strive toward meaningful goals.

The longstanding tradition of volunteerism and leadership runs strong in the Kiwanis members in Elkhart. I am incredibly grateful for the positive role this organization has played in making our community a better place. When children are empowered to break through obstacles and help those in need,

anything is possible. Children are safer, healthier, and happier because of the hard work and determination of Kiwanians. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club, our future is in good hands.

The impressive growth and charitable reach of the Kiwanis Club of Elkhart is a true reflection of the hardworking Hoosier spirit its members embody.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Indiana's 2nd District, I want to thank the Kiwanis Club of Elkhart for continuing to provide such a remarkable opportunity for children and young adults to challenge themselves and fight for worthy causes in their own neighborhoods and on the global stage.

IN RECOGNITION OF PORTUGUESE IMMIGRANT WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Portuguese Immigrant Week. As members of the Portuguese community in the Sacramento region celebrate and gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them and their long history and contributions to our region and country.

California was discovered by Portuguese explorer Joao Rodrigues Cabrillo in 1542. Centuries later, in the mid-1800s, Portuguese immigrants made new roots for their families setting in our state—many owned, operated, or worked on a dairy farm or in the dairy-related industry. Throughout the many decades, the Portuguese communities in California have made a great effort to preserve their culture and identity. The Portuguese communities and their members contribute many services to the local community and they are always striving to uphold the values that the Portuguese community holds dear. Fifty years ago, recognizing their contributions, then Governor Ronald Reagan declared the second week of March as "Portuguese Immigrant Week". We celebrate the long history of the Portuguese community in our region. The community in Sacramento continues to share their rich and beautiful heritage and we will continue to celebrate their influence in our region.

Mr. Speaker, as members of our community gather to celebrate the outstanding contributions of our Portuguese families, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their dedication.

BEN DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise before you to offer a word of congratulations to the Ben Davis High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team. The Giants captured the Division 4A Indiana State Boys Basketball Championship on March 25, 2017 at Bankers Life Field House in Indianapolis after a 55–52 win over Fort Wayne North Side.

This team's achievements would not have been possible without, Head Coach Mark James, who is in his 35th year coaching the Giants and boasted that "it's been a team effort all year." The entire team, including the players, coaches, managers and fans should be proud of their record, including a 14 game winning streak, and for bringing their school a third championship.

Winning a state championship is reaching the pinnacle of basketball and the entire Indianapolis community is proud to celebrate their accomplishments this season.

RECOGNIZING THE PENSACOLA BLUE WAHOOS BASEBALL TEAM

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Pensacola Blue Wahoos Baseball Team, in Northwest Florida. In 2016, the Southern League of Professional Baseball Clubs announced the Wahoos as the winners of the "Community Service Award".

In addition, the Director of Sports Turf Management for the Blue Wahoos, Ray Sayre, was named the "Groundskeeper of the Year" for the fourth consecutive season.

The team members have demonstrated a profound dedication to their community by participating in activities that directly benefit and uplift the Pensacola area.

The Wahoos' outreach has helped such organizations as the Epilepsy Foundation of Northwest Florida, Autism Pensacola, the United Way, the National Alliance of Mental Illness, and many more.

Working with the Studer Community Institute, through such programs as "Kazoo's Grand Slam Reading Program", the team has highlighted the priority of Early Childhood Education; this program reached over 9,000 students and parents in 2016.

The Blue Wahoos have a long history of taking an active role in their community. In 2012, their unwavering support and involvement resulted in them being named the "Southern League Organization of the Year", "Ballpark Digest's Organization of the Year", and "Ballpark of the Year" by Baseballparks.com.

The tradition of excellence has continued since 2013, when the team was named "Stadium Journey's Best Minor League Ballpark Experience"; and again, awarded the "Southern League Community Service Award". Since then, the Blue Wahoos have won many awards from a multitude of organizations because of their selfless contributions to the Pensacola area.

I would like to personally thank all of the past and present members of the Blue Wahoos, as well as all of the employees who participate and provide support for the team and community events. I would also like to thank Quint Studer and his team for providing the leadership that supports this remarkable cooperative contribution.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize the Pensacola Blue Wahoos Baseball Team for their continuous devotion to enhancing their community and for their contribution to an immeasurable positive

impact that has occurred because of each team member's exceptional character. It is with great pride that I recognize and thank them for all that they do.

HONORING MR. CARL TART

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an intuitive and self-motivated young man, Mr. Carl Tart.

Carl Tart is a 2016 graduate of Yazoo City High School, finishing number 3 of 127 in his class, with a 4.03 GPA and an ACT score of 25. He chose to continue his education approximately 151 miles north of Yazoo City at the University of Mississippi, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Secondary Science Education. He plans to return to Yazoo City to teach at his alma mater.

Carl is the recipient of the Ole Miss Academic Excellence Scholarship, Mississippi Boy's State Delegate scholarship, the Bledsoe Academic Award, the Mississippi Star Student Scholarship and the King's Memorial Scholarship for students in the School of Education. He is also the recipient of three local scholarships: the Yazoo County Conventions and Visitors Bureau Scholarship, the Yazoo Community Scholarship and the Community Solutions of Mississippi Scholarship. He is also the recipient of the Robert Ben Williams Minority Scholarship Endowment, which supports scholarship awarded for academic excellence and provides assistance for young Mississippians. Being the first Fund to be established by the university's African American alumni, the scholarship is named after Yazoo City Native Ben Williams, known as "Gentle Ben", who was the first African American football player at Ole Miss.

Carl has joined various organizations including the Ole Miss Black Student Union, Teachers of Tomorrow, and holding the position as Events Coordinator for the FASTrack, LLC. He plans to start his own organization in the spring that supports no-kill animal shelters and pet adoption agencies. He has also worked on the campaigns of the reigning Homecoming Queen MK Phillips and Miss Ole Miss Acacia Santos.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Carl Tart for his desire for academic excellence.

JORDAN CHEEK WINS 2016 RESERVE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP YOUTH TITLE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jordan Cheek of Needville, TX, for winning the 2016 Reserve World Championship Youth Title in the American Quarter Horse Association's Versatility Ranch Horse World show.

The show took place at the Houston Livestock & Rodeo, where Jordan and her horse, Irish Cowboy, competed in ranch riding, ranch trail, reining, cutting, conformation halter, and working cow work. Jordan has been riding horses since the age of three and showing since she was eight. She competes in equestrian drill team, halter, English performance, western performance, reining, and speed events. Eight years ago, she also began judging horse competitions. After graduating from Needville High School, Jordan plans to pursue a nursing program at Texas Tech University.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Jordan for winning the 2016 Reserve World Championship Youth Title. We are proud of her hard work and look forward to her future success.

KATY SIBLINGS COMPETE AT DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT NATIONAL FINALS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maye and Treed Huang of Katy, TX, for qualifying and competing at the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals at the Augusta National Golf Club in GA.

Maye brought home a national championship by winning the girls 7-9 division, while Treed tied for fourth in the 12-13 boys division. This is Treed's second time competing at this prestigious competition, having won the 7-9 boys division in 2014. Each division included 10 competitors, where they received points based on their performance in the driving, chipping and putting categories. To qualify, Maye and Treed had to compete at a local qualifier, one of 50 sub-regional competitions, and one of 10 regionals. Only 80 competed in the junior competition.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Maye and Treed Huang for their stellar performances at the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals. We're proud of their hard work and look forward to seeing them play at Augusta again—at the Masters.

BEST WISHES TO PEARLAND
POLICE CHIEF J.C. DOYLE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Chief J.C. Doyle of Pearland, TX, for his distinguished service with the Pearland Police Department. Chief Doyle is retiring after 38 years of service.

A lifetime Pearland resident, Chief Doyle joined the Pearland Police Department in 1979. He has worked as a detective, a patrol sergeant and as the commander for a multi-agency Special Weapons and Tactics Team. He was the Assistant Chief of Police from 1994 until 1999, when he was appointed Chief of Police. He's the longest-serving police Chief in the department and has been an integral part of keeping the Pearland community safe. We wish him an enjoyable and happy retirement.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I wanted again to thank Chief Doyle for his dedicated public service. All of Pearland has benefitted from his commitment to safety and we thank him.