

girls soccer team for earning a class 1 state title on June 8, 2019. The girls soccer team earned their championship, the first conducted by the Virginia High School League for Class 1 soccer, in a close match with Stonewall Jackson-Quicksburg at Christiansburg High School.

The state championship clinched an 18–1 season for the Eagles. It was a close-run thing on a windy and rainy day, with a tie broken after four sudden victory periods and nine successful penalty kicks alternating between each team. The Eagles competed with discipline, skill, and coolness under pressure. Congratulations are in order for Coach Ashley Moreno and the team, especially its seniors. Auburn's parents, teachers, students, and fans also should take pride in this wonderful accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING THE BIG SANDY
WILDCATS ON THEIR BASEBALL
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Big Sandy High School on winning the University Interscholastic League (UIL) baseball state championship for the 2018–2019 school year.

On Thursday, June 6, 2019, Big Sandy High School claimed their second UIL Class 2A baseball state title with a 7–1 win over Linden-Kildare High School. This triumph marks the end of an incredible four-year run for nine seniors: Graden Emmons, Bryan Duff, Brandon Hendrix, Broch Holmes, McKane Maxwell, Garret Lilley, Brayden Lennox, Seth Lalumandier, and Bryan Moseley. Since Big Sandy Head Coach Jacob Hooker arrived four years ago, these senior Wildcats were first a game away from the state tournament their freshman year, then state runners-up their sophomore year, and now are back-to-back state champions of Class 2A baseball.

Big Sandy High School ends a season to remember with a record of 36–4, losing only one Class 2A game all year to Refugio High School during the playoffs. They are only the 19th school in Texas history to win the baseball state championship two years in a row. I would like to personally recognize each student as well as their coaches. It is an honor to represent these young men in Congress, and I am so elated to say that they have made our community so proud.

I wish each of these talented athletes continued success on and off the field. Go Wildcats.

CALLING ON THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO ENSURE A FAIR TRIAL FOR MICHAEL NGUYEN

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise to highlight the case of Michael Nguyen, an American citizen and Orange County resident who has been imprisoned by the Vietnamese government for nearly a year.

Mr. Nguyen is a husband, a father, and a leader in his community. He has lived his life in the United States in accordance with our laws, and he owns a small business where he works to provide for his wife and four daughters.

For the past eleven months, Mr. Nguyen has been held at the Phan Dang Luu Detention Center in Ho Chi Minh City, where he has not been allowed to contact family or friends.

Mr. Nguyen was held without charge until recently, when the charges against him were announced and a trial was scheduled for June 24th and 25th.

As a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Vietnam must uphold its commitment to the rights to due process and a fair trial.

I join my colleagues in calling upon the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to uphold their international commitment to human rights by ensuring a fair trial for Michael Nguyen so that he may be reunited with his family.

HONORING TUCSON'S NATIONAL
HISTORY DAY WINNERS

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Tucson, Arizona's four students who won first place at the National Endowment for the Humanities' National History Day contest. The young history buffs, Sean Choudhry, Elias Rice-Bensch, Zia Rice-Bensch, and Keona Wallen all attend the Accelerated Learning Laboratory in my district. Their website Radium Girls: From Jaw-Dropping Tragedy to Glowing Triumph earned the top prize in the contest that featured more than 3,000 students from across the country.

National History Day began in the 1970s and is the culmination of a yearlong academic program for students in grades 6 through 12 to engage in historical research. Students produce essays, exhibitions, films, perform-

ances, or websites to enter into local and state competitions. State winners move on to compete in the national finals at the University of Maryland at College Park. The National Endowment for the Humanities has been a sponsor and partner of National History Day for more than 30 years.

The theme for this year's competition was "Triumph and Tragedy in History" and more than a half million students submitted entries. On their website, Sean, Elias, Zia, and Keona state, "The radium girls were young factory workers who unknowingly consumed lethal amounts of radium, often resulting in slow, painful deaths. Despite their tragic circumstances, their desire for change and persistence in court caused revolutionary change to workplace safety regulations and sparked monumental scientific advancements regarding radium and radioactivity."

The students go on to document how radium was commonly used and recommended. At the focus of their website is the story of the women who, at the start of the 20th century, were exposed to high levels of radium in their work as they painted watch dials. Such exposure proved quickly fatal and resulted in physical deformities and cancer. The legal battles that followed were tumultuous and provided minor relief for the women who had been exposed to radium. Their legacy, however, lives on today as workplace protections continue to be a focus on Capitol Hill.

These four incredible students have demonstrated truly admirable talent and skill in their deep dive into history. I am moved by their desire to shed light on an overlooked and long-forgotten story that still resonates today. I want to congratulate Sean, Elias, Zia, Keona, their families, and the educators who have helped them get where they are today. I expect great things from each of them in the near future and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our district and abroad.

HAPPY 89TH BIRTHDAY TO
RICHARD G. BRISTOL

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish my friend, Richard G. Bristol, a happy 89th birthday. I hope Richard is enjoying his special day at his new home in Vero Beach, Florida with a properly chilled Sam Adams. Lots of love and warmest wishes from everyone in the Cunningham clan.