

community up to date on local benefits and functions, making a point to highlight families and non-profit organizations in need. She not only talks the talk, but walks the walk, and has emceed events for various Latinx organizations such as Chicanos Por La Causa, LULAC, and the League of Mexican American Women.

Melissa Santa Cruz has truly indebted herself to the City of South Tucson and to Southern Arizona as a whole. She truly serves as an inspiration to our community, broadcasting the music of the Borderlands across Tejano 1600AM while also being proactive on issues of importance to all Southern Arizonans. I am proud to stand here on the floor today on Melissa Santa Cruz Appreciation Day, in recognition of Melissa Santa Cruz as one of our community's most valuable citizens.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MARCHING COBRAS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Marching Cobras. It is my distinct honor to congratulate this prestigious drill team on fifty years of success. Throughout my public life, I have been pleased to see this organization grow in number and recognition.

In a time when Kansas City was experiencing a lull in our rich and vibrant music scene, the Marching Cobras provided vitality and energy by enthusiastically marching in the style of Mr. Willie Arthur Smith. They played a pivotal role in maintaining our city's reputation as a musical and cultural hub. It is my great pleasure to recognize the Marching Cobras' students and leaders, past, present, and future. Their dedication has made this organization what it is today. The Marching Cobras reflect the vibrant community they represent and add bright colors to the rich historical fabric of Kansas City.

Concerned with the lack of productive activities available to students, Mr. Willie Arthur Smith saw an opportunity to provide his community with the means to both keep students off the streets and share his passion for marching. While teaching at Lincoln Junior High, Smith taught a group of his students a dance called the Madison Line for an all-student talent show. This simple act marked the birth of the Marching Cobras. Since 1969, the Marching Cobras have risen to a place of international recognition and continue their legacy of excellence. They have won national competitions and performed in events like the American Royal and the Cotton Bowl. They have even played prestigious venues from Nice, France to the White House.

With every performance, the Marching Cobras act as ambassadors of Kansas City and represent our city with pride. The dedication of the students and leaders shows a devotion to constant, beneficial improvement. It is this demonstration of excellence that engenders a desire for progress in every community that the Marching Cobras touch. I look forward to seeing the Marching Cobras' legacy continue to grow. They provide students with a means for accomplishment and gaining valuable

skills. If it were not for people like Willie Arthur Smith and other Marching Cobra leaders, hundreds of students would not have the ability to participate in this vibrant and meaningful experience.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Marching Cobras' fiftieth anniversary of bringing music, pride, and recognition to the community. On behalf of myself and the entire Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, it is my joy to congratulate the Marching Cobras on this significant milestone and wish them even greater success in the years to come.

#### CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF JEANNETTE FRANK AT THE ARC OF SCHUYLER

##### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of Jeannette Frank to The Arc of Schuyler and congratulate her on her retirement.

Jeannette Frank has dedicated her career to The Arc of Schuyler, beginning nearly forty years ago as an Outreach Worker. Jeannette joined The Arc shortly after its formation in 1978, and has dedicated her career to aid families and their loved ones with disabilities. Her commitment to those supported by The Arc of Schuyler and their families has been an inspiration, both to her team at The Arc and the community as a whole.

For the last eight years, Jeannette has served as the Executive Director of The Arc of Schuyler. Her dedication and hard work have ensured the high quality of services that The Arc provides to people with disabilities. She has not only advanced community-based services such as the Schuyler County Transit and Transportation Link-Line, but also social enterprises operated by The Arc such as Franklin Street Gallery and Gift Shop and Glen Copack.

As Jeannette moves forward with the next chapter of her life, we applaud her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for people in Schuyler County and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate Jeannette Frank and her extraordinary career.

#### RECOGNIZING JUNE AS ALZHEIMER & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

##### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month and I rise today to share with this chamber the impact Alzheimer's Disease has had on my family. Today, 5.8 million Americans live with brain disease. I have witnessed firsthand the burdens of these illnesses because my father, Andrew Katko, lived with Alzheimer's for nearly a decade before passing away a few months ago.

My family was faced with the difficult decision on how to care for our father during this time in his life. This is not uncommon among families after a brain disease diagnosis.

Often, family and friends are primary caretakers for those suffering with Alzheimer's and dementia. My mother, Mary Lou, served as my father's primary caregiver, joining the 16 million Americans who provide unpaid care. This year, unpaid caregivers will provide 18.5 billion hours of care valued at \$234 billion.

The BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act was signed into law last Congress and is now being implemented. This legislation authorizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to research prevention methods for dementias, establish local treatment facilities, and provide better resources to caregivers. I am committed to passing additional policies that improve the lives of those living with dementias.

#### HONORING TUCSON'S NATIONAL HISTORY DAY WINNERS

##### HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 20, 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, performances, 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.

CONGRATULATING BLAIR OAKS' BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2019 CLASS II STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Blair Oaks Falcons Baseball team for winning the 2019 Missouri Class III State Baseball Championship.

This team and Coach Mike DeMilia, should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community. This is Blair Oaks' third state championship win in the history of their baseball program.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the Blair Oaks Falcons Baseball team for a job well done.

IN HONOR OF MR. HARRY WATKINS

**HON. DAVID ROUZER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of the late Mr. Harry Watkins of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. An architect for more than 40 years, Harry Watkins left a lasting imprint on Wrightsville Beach, Bald Head Island, Figure 8 Island and many other surrounding communities.

Harry got his start in architecture after studying at North Carolina State University, and went on to design many of the homes that still stand there today. He always held a special place in his heart for Bald Head Island.

Harry helped to grow Wrightsville Beach true to his vision:

"The architect must understand the community, the environment, and especially the characteristics of the specific site," Harry said of his design philosophy. He described his idea of what a good home can be as "a joy when things were going well, and a comfort when they were not."

Harry passed away late last year, at the age of 72. He left behind a legacy of architectural vision and excellence. Even more importantly, he is survived by his wife Vicki, his daughter Brooke, and an entire community of friends, neighbors and clients. Wrightsville Beach will

be forever grateful for his passion for his community.

HONORING THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE OF DEVRATH IYER

**HON. ANDY BIGGS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an accomplished student from Chandler, Arizona. Devrath Iyer was selected as one of fifty-two students to attend the annual Research Science Institute (RSI) sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Each summer, RSI gathers a small group of talented students to participate in an intensive on-and off-campus science and engineering summer program.

I have no doubt that Devrath and the other young leaders selected to participate in this program will excel in service to their schools and communities. Devrath's dedication to educational excellence and hard work is an example for all of us to emulate. I am honored to have such talent and motivation in my district.

IN RECOGNITION OF HAYDEN CORPORATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Hayden Corporation of West Springfield, Massachusetts on its 100th year of business. Now in its fourth generation of family ownership, the Hayden Corporation represents the robust character and history of economic innovation in western Massachusetts. It is my pleasure to recognize them on this significant milestone.

Hayden Corporation was founded by Charles E. Hayden in 1919. At that time, the company's business was weaving and installing wire cloth used in the paper industry. Hayden Corp. eventually grew to start building, installing, and servicing other paper-making equipment under the leadership of Charles' son, Charles Wesley "Wes" Hayden. Wes also developed a patented process for seamlessly welding stainless steel wire cloth. Today, Hayden Corp. still services the paper making industry with field teams working on machinery in mills up and down the east coast of the United States. But the last 100 years has also seen Hayden Corp. diversify and expand to an enviable extent. Retired company president John O. Hayden, as well as his son and current president Daniel C. Hayden, spearheaded the corporation into state-of-the-art coating of parts for the paper and pulp industry, power generation, gas and oil exploration and extraction, military applications, and the plastics industry. One of Hayden Corporation's customers has even been the U.S. Navy, when the company coated a valve on the submarine U.S.S. *Springfield* and its sister boats. Hayden Corporation's success and longevity is a testament to not only the Hayden family and the company's dedicated employ-

ees, but also the city of West Springfield and the overarching American manufacturing story of the entire region.

Once again Madam Speaker, over the course of its 100-year history, Hayden Corporation has demonstrated exemplary leadership and integrity. Those traits are hallmarks of the company's outstanding work in western Massachusetts and beyond, and are certainly worthy of recognition. On the occasion of Hayden Corporation's 100th anniversary, I wish the Hayden family and the individuals who work with them—some for decades—all the best and much continued prosperity.

SANDY OXFORD

**HON. KEVIN HERN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Sandy Oxford and thank this outstanding Oklahoman for her service to my community.

Ms. Oxford served as an Army clerk during the Vietnam era, eventually switching to the Navy where she was one of their top recruiters.

Back home in Tulsa, she served as the office manager for the Tulsa Vet Center. Additionally, Ms. Oxford faithfully served as the chair of the Mayor of Tulsa's Veteran Advisory Council. She served in this role with great dedication for 10 years, never missing a single meeting.

She has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of veterans, including work on suicide prevention initiatives and Vietnam Veteran commemoration ceremonies.

To thank Ms. Oxford for her service, Tulsa's Mayor Bynum presented her a key to the city and declared May 16th "Sandy Oxford Day" in Tulsa.

I am honored to recognize Sandy Oxford as she attends her final meeting of the advisory council today. Her commitment to the City of Tulsa will not soon be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING GABE KURTZ OF THE CAMDENTON LAKERS FOR WINNING THE 2019 MISSOURI CLASS IV STATE JAVELIN THROW TITLE

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gabe Kurtz of the Camdenton High School Lakers for winning the 2019 Missouri Class IV State Javelin Throw Title. This is the second year in a row Gabe has won the state championship title.

Gabe and Coach Nick Bruck, should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state title to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Gabe Kurtz for a job well done.