

as by offering health and learning opportunities. As one of only four Olympic and Paralympic Training Sights in the country, their work is of the utmost importance for those they serve, including the athletes who have worked so hard to compete this summer.

I salute the hard-working men and women of the Turnstone Center staff, as well as the athletes with whom they will be working during this exciting event. These individuals have made great strides to reach this level, just as this organization makes great strides every day to serve them, and Hoosiers from across the region. Our community is continuously enhanced by Turnstone's fine work, and I wish their staff the very best and the athletes the best of luck as the Qualifying Competition gets underway.

COMMENDING THE RICHLANDS  
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 24, 2019*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to commend the Richlands High School softball team, which captured the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class 2 state title on June 14, 2019. The Lady Blues put on a stellar performance, narrowly defeating an exceptional team from Madison County High School by a score of 1 to 0.

This victory carries particular meaning, as it is Richlands High School's first softball state championship in nearly 25 years. Their championship caps a 23–5 season. I applaud the hard work and dedication of all members of this year's Richlands High School softball team, and congratulate the administrators, teachers, coaches, parents, students, and fans. In particular, I would like to recognize the contributions of the team's seniors, their pitcher, Mac Osborne, on being named the Virginia 2A State Player of the Year, and their head coach Ronnie Davis. Congratulations on a great end to the season.

HONORING THE LIFE OF AJA  
GIOVANNI McLEOD

**HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 24, 2019*

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Aja Giovanni McLeod, a resident of Maryland's 4th Congressional District.

Born on August 10, 1996, Aja was one of our brightest and most promising young people. Only 22 years old, she will be remembered for her tenacity, perseverance, and love for her family and friends. Faced with health challenges from birth, Aja remained committed to her education and living a full life, pursuing a career in communications. Her potential was evident, as she earned several scholarships during her educational career. Less than one month before her passing she celebrated her graduation from Bowie State University with a BS in Communications.

The many remembrances of Aja have emphasized the special place in her heart for her

brother and best friend, Zion, who will carry the memory of her love and devotion. In her time on earth, Aja's smile and laughter brought joy to those fortunate enough to have known and met her.

On June 8, 2019, Aja passed away unexpectedly, leaving behind her loving parents Andre' and Kimberly, and her brother Zion.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering the life of Aja Giovanni McLeod.

HONORING HILARY SALANKY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 24, 2019*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Hilary Salanky. Hilary is a very special woman and leader who is being honored with the Woman in the Workplace Award as a part of the St. Joseph YWCA's prestigious Women of Excellence.

While spending her days teaching at Lafayette High School, Hilary is helping just as much to inspire and encourage the next generation of entrepreneurs through her outside of the classroom work with Student Council, DECA, and the Future Business Leaders of America as well as coaching the Boys and Girls track teams. She also manages to find time to volunteer with the Junior League and raise a family. It's not nearly enough to say that she is someone dedicated to improving St. Joseph, but she also manages to multiply her efforts by her dedication to the business leaders of tomorrow.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Hilary Salanky for being honored as the Woman in the Workplace Award winner by the St. Joseph YWCA through serving St. Joseph, the state of Missouri and the Sixth Congressional District. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING CHARLOTTE BUTZ; WINNER OF THE 2019 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION FOR NEW YORK'S 21ST DISTRICT

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 24, 2019*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charlotte Butz, the winner of the 2019 Congressional Art Competition for New York's 21st Congressional District.

Charlotte graduates from Cambridge Central School this week and will be attending James Madison University in the fall to study Intelligence Analysis. Her proven ability to think creatively will be an asset through her studies and beyond.

Charlotte's painting titled: Woman in Stripes, demonstrates a high degree of technical ability, using light and shadow to evoke emotion. I am proud knowing that my colleagues in Congress, members of the public, and leaders from around the world will see this beautiful drawing on display in the Capitol throughout the year. Charlotte's painting serves as a true

testament to the artistic skill of our students and quality of arts education in the North Country. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank Charlotte for sharing her work with us and congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR.  
NELLIE MEYER

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 24, 2019*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of long-time educator and community leader, Dr. Nellie Meyer.

Dr. Meyer has dedicated her career to improving education on various levels, ranging from working as a middle school and high school teacher to holding an array of leadership positions, most recently as the Mount Diablo Unified School District Superintendent. Throughout her career, Dr. Meyer has advocated for supporting at-risk youth, improving student achievement, and giving students the best education possible.

As the Mount Diablo Unified School District Superintendent for the past six years, Dr. Meyer focused on innovation and problem solving. She was a leader in the California City School Superintendents organization and has written multiple articles in professional education publications. Dr. Meyer has also presented at numerous national conferences on school turnaround, dropout prevention, and best practices for school systems.

Dr. Meyer's colleagues admire her sharp mind, empathetic nature, ability to think outside the box, and her insistence that a district has the responsibility to provide high quality education to every student.

On June 24th, Dr. Meyer is transferring her skills to the Los Altos/Mountain View Union High School District to carry on her passion for improving education for young people. Please join me in wishing Dr. Meyer good luck in her transition and thanking her for continuing her commitment to the youth of our community.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER BORDON,  
EDDIE JEAN PULLUM, MARK  
FRYE, AND SEAN GALLAGHER  
FOR BEING AWARDED THE  
VALOR AWARD

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 24, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Christopher Bordon, Master Firefighter Eddie Jean Pullum, and firefighters Mark Frye and Sean Gallagher as recipients of the Public Safety Valor Award.

The Valor Award is a prestigious honor presented to men and women of the greater Fayetteville region who perform acts of heroism under extreme risk. Proudly serving the Fayetteville Fire Department, Captain Christopher Bordon, Master Firefighter Eddie Jean Pullum, and firefighters Mark Frye and Sean Gallagher