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#### HONORING SARATOGA'S MARYLOU WHITNEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marylou Whitney, the "Queen of Saratoga," who, sadly, passed away on July 19 at the age of 93.

Marylou embodied the spirit of a revitalized Saratoga. She was graceful, classic, sparkling, full of joy, and truly one of a kind. Most of all, she loved her community and gave so much of herself to it.

She had a passion for horse racing and was a fixture of the Saratoga Race Course. She hosted a yearly racing season ball for many decades, where proceeds benefited track workers and local organizations like Saratoga Hospital. She was active and involved in philanthropy until her last months.

Her generosity, energy, and compassion were unmatched. She was the founder of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center and the National Museum of Dance.

Marylou often called Saratoga one of her favorite homes, and those of us in the community are unsurprised by this. It is a community like no other, and Marylou made it better for all of us. Her deep commitment will leave a mark on Saratoga for generations to come.

I want to express my sincere condolences to Marylou's husband, John Hendrickson, and her entire family.

I consider it an honor to have known Marylou Whitney and an honor to special her memory into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. She will be missed.

#### HONORING ADIRONDACK'S RANDY PRESTON

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Randy Preston, Wilmington Town supervisor, former chairman of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, former volunteer firefighter, former fire chief, and fierce advocate for Essex County and the Adirondack region.

After a long, courageous fight with an aggressive brain tumor, Randy, sadly, passed away on July 18. He was 60 years old.

He was a bipartisan leader on behalf of Essex County. He voted for the interests of the people, was beholden to no one, and let no one deter him. He was, undoubtedly, a champion for those he represented.

Randy's missions and advocacies for the Adirondack region were innumerable. He was passionate about lowering our tax burden and ensuring we had ample funding for lifesaving emergency medical services.

He was known not only for his staunch advocacy but for his sense of humor, his unapologetic convictions,

and his willingness to shoot straight and be honest with people, whether a Governor or a Congresswoman.

He was quick to tell me when he thought a policy was right for his community and just as quick to tell me when he thought a policy was wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I express my deepest sympathies to Randy's wife, Michelle, and his entire family. It is a sincere honor to enter Randy Preston's memory and achievements into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### HONORING MARIANO RIVERA, FIRST UNANIMOUS INDUCTEE INTO BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, the hallowed halls of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, welcomed six inductees last weekend.

In 80 years, baseball has honored 232 players as the best of the best. Only about 1 percent of the 19,500 who played the game are enshrined here.

As a proud New Yorker, I can say the hall includes 60 Yankees, and the bronze busts of Bronx Bomber behemoths include Ruth, Berra, Gehrig, Mantle, DiMaggio, Jackson, and more.

I rise today to honor Mariano Rivera, the first unanimous inductee into the Hall of Fame.

Mo, the Sandman, wore the Yankee pinstripes with honor, pride, humility, and dignity for 19 seasons. On the field, number 42 was a 13-time All-Star and won five World Series championships with the Yankees, including being named MVP in 1999.

Mo racked up a record 672 saves. His cutter is legendary. He amassed 1,173 strikeouts and had a postseason ERA of 0.7, allowing only 11 runs in 96 appearances, fewer postseason runs than the number of people who have walked the Moon.

Mo was the very definition of "automatic," as he was so often described.

Mariano is a man of faith and recognized the importance of family support through good times and struggles. He is a mentor, a teacher, and demonstrates quiet leadership that is far too scarce today.

Mr. Speaker, as a young boy in Panama, Mariano used a homemade glove of cardboard, tape, and netting. He had holes in his cleats when he tried out for the Yankees.

Through grit, hard work, and dogged determination, Mo achieved the very pinnacle of greatness in America's greatest game. He is the embodiment of the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Mr. Sandman: Here's to you. I tip my cap.

#### CONGRATULATING SHAI McDONALD AND BRICE PATTERSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montana (Mr. GIANFORTE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two young Montanans who are among the best in rodeo.

In this month's National High School Finals Rodeo in Wyoming, Montana was well represented with competitors from across the State. The National High School Finals Rodeo drew about 1,500 finalists from 43 States, Mexico, Canada, and Australia.

Two Montanans won buckles for placing in the top 10 in their event. Shai McDonald of Gardiner took second in barrel racing, and Brice Patterson of Bozeman took fourth in bareback riding.

Rodeo is a time-honored tradition in Montana, and it is part of our way of life.

The outstanding work ethic and dedication of these young athletes allows them to compete and succeed at this high level.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Shai and Brice on their accomplishments at the National High School Finals Rodeo.

#### CONGRATULATING ARCHBISHOP NIKITAS LULIAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tarpon Springs native and devout University of Florida Gator and inspired Greek Orthodox theologian, Archbishop Nikitas Lulias, who will be enthroned this weekend in London as the Greek Orthodox archbishop of Great Britain under the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Archbishop Nikitas has had a blessed life, which started with the retrieval of the Gold Cross in Tarpon Springs for the 1974 celebration of the Epiphany. His proud parents, my great-aunt and great-uncle, Gus and Kally Lulias, knew at that moment that Nikitas was destined for greatness.

Archbishop Nikitas has had an extraordinary ecclesiastical career. His devotion to orthodoxy and to the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate make him a worthy choice as the archbishop of Great Britain.

I wish this son of Tarpon Springs, Florida, and my constituent and my cousin, a blessed ministry.

Axios, which means worthy.

#### RECOGNIZING PUBLIC SAFETY AIRCREWS

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a group of heroes who work tirelessly to keep our country and communities safe.

Public safety aircrews ensure the safety of our domestic airspace, repeatedly operating in very hazardous conditions. They are also an essential form of support for first responders during disaster response and rescue missions.

Today, we honor the dedication and devotion that these public servants demonstrate and acknowledge those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is only right that a day is set aside to recognize the thousands of men and women who have served in this role. To that end, I am reintroducing a resolution today to recognize July 26 as National Public Safety Aviation Day.