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REMEMBERING CRAIG HARNEY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mr. Craig Harney, who passed away on November 30 at the age of 65 after battling cancer.

Mr. Harney was a stalwart of Savannah journalism—unbelievably dedicated to his craft at WTOC—and largely responsible for making WTOC the Southeast news leader.

He began at the news station 40 years ago, while a student in college, with a part-time job answering the phone. By the end of his career, he had worked his way up to become WTOC's creative director and, at different points, held nearly every position at the station.

His colleagues remember that he knew how to get to the heart of the story and that he was interested in doing everything he could to help shine a light on what made our community so special. It was this effort and talent that he put into his stories, which made our area a better place to live and exemplified Mr. Harney as a true Savannahian.

His vibrant personality, always meandering throughout our communities in search of stories to highlight, is simply irreplaceable.

My thoughts and prayers will be with his family, friends, and all of his colleagues at WTOC during this most difficult time.

CONGRATULATING SUNNY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL AND ESPERANZA HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. CISNEROS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate two high schools in my district on their CIF Southern Section football championships.

I offer my sincere congratulations to Sunny Hills High School's Lancers from Fullerton for their win in the CIF Southern Section Division 8 final.

I also want to congratulate the Esperanza High School Aztecs for their win in the CIF Southern Section Division 13 final.

We are all especially proud of both schools for their amazing run through the playoffs. This is both Sunny Hills' and Esperanza's first CIF championships since 1972. Their championships speak to the leadership of their head coaches, Pete Karavedas and Wes Choate, and their respective coaching staffs.

But, more importantly, these championships were possible due to the dedication, commitment, and teamwork of the players. I have no doubt that this is just the beginning of continued success for both programs.

Again, on behalf of the 39th Congressional District, I want to congratulate both Sunny Hills and Esperanza High Schools for two outstanding championship seasons.

HONORING OFFICER KEN FOLEY

(Mr. SPANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a local police officer, husband, father, and respected community member: Ken Foley.

In 1990, Officer Foley joined the Lakeland Police Department following 8 years with the United States Marine Corps. Last week, on December 4, after 29 years of distinguished service, his career and his life here on this Earth came to an end as he died unexpectedly while on duty.

Police Chief Ruben Garcia shared that Foley was an "everyday first responder and definitely one of our local heroes."

Officer Foley was active in the community, and he knew it well. Lakeland residents flooded social media with anecdotes about Officer Foley's infectious smile, his compassion, and his unique ability to connect with people.

Officers like Ken Foley make me proud of my community and grateful for the daily sacrifices of our first responders.

So, to Officer Foley's family, his friends, and the entire Lakeland Police Department: Our prayers are with you all. May God bless, comfort, and keep you during this difficult time.

MULLICA TOWNSHIP ACES PROGRAM

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today I want to acknowledge the Mullica Township ACES program, a school district initiative in south Jersey. It is an initiative started by Barbara Rheault that provides academic aid and enrichment to students after school hours.

The ACES program started in Mullica Township, south Jersey, 12 years ago thanks to grant funds for a 21st Century Community Learning Center from the New Jersey Department of Education.

This after-school program is vital to south Jersey because it provides after-school care to students that balances academic opportunities and recreational activities. At ACES, students have time to complete their homework and participate in sports or other games and activities, which cultivates both their academic and social development.

ACES also offers additional tutoring, counseling, and health-safety education so every student has access to whatever they need to achieve success.

I thank the ACES program, Barbara Rheault, and the Mullica Township School District for providing this educational experience for our youth. I am proud of them.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. C.O. SIMPKINS, SR.

(Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true Louisiana icon, Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., a doctor, veteran, distinguished public servant, and civil rights leader, who passed away last week.

Doctor Simpkins, a proud native of Mansfield, Louisiana, leaves behind a wonderful legacy of service to his fellow Louisianians: He defended our Nation as a captain in the United States Air Force; he treated our families as a beloved dentist; and he served honorably as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

Dr. Simpkins' greatest impact was unquestionably in the fight for civil rights. He was a friend and contemporary of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King; he was a founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and he was a tireless advocate for freedom, justice, and equality.

Today I am honored to join my colleagues from the Louisiana delegation to introduce legislation to designate a U.S. Post Office in Dr. Simpkins' name in his hometown of Mansfield. It is a small but sincere gesture of appreciation for a good man whose legacy lives on in our Nation, our State, and our communities.

Godspeed, Dr. Simpkins.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to congratulate my alma mater, La Salle High School, for winning their fourth Ohio Division II football championship in the last 6 years. They defeated a tough Masillon Washington High School team 34-17.

I was particularly pleased to see La Salle bring home another championship since I played defensive line for the Lancers back in the day, and my brother, Dave, 10 years later, played defensive back.

Congratulations to Coach Pat McLaughlin, his coaching staff, the players, parents, students, and fans. You made the school and all of Cincinnati proud. Lancers roll deep.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to congratulate the Cincinnati Elder Panthers, who had a great season as well but came up just short of winning the Ohio Division I championship.

My nephews, Joey and Mikey Del Prince, played for Elder a few years back.