

yards wide. Coach Trimble was the most successful high school coach in Oklahoma history with 13 State championships, and in 2017, Jenks High School affectionately renamed their stadium the "Allan Trimble Stadium" in his honor.

He was inducted into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame in 2018. Trimble believed that when you make better people, you make better players. For Coach Trimble, winning on the field was a by-product of winning off the field, keeping your priorities of faith, family, and football, in that order.

Coach Trimble was a master mentor who spent his entire adult life pouring his wisdom into high school students and young adults. Countless people were blessed by his mentorship.

Despite his battle with ALS, Coach Trimble continued to believe that he was blessed and needed to bless others.

Coach Trimble spent his last year developing the Trimble Strong Foundation, a continuation of his efforts to serve others and mentor the next generation.

Last week, Coach Trimble left this earthly pain to join our Father in Heaven.

He is remembered a hero by thousands of lives he touched both on and off the football field. Oklahoma will never forget his legacy of service and of selflessness, faith, and football.

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#### CONGRATULATING STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of three high school football teams in my district who won statewide football State championships this weekend.

In 6A Division I, Owasso High School, coached by Bill Blankenship, had an impeccable and undefeated season, earning their second State championship in 3 years.

In 6A Division II, Bixby High School, coached by Loren Montgomery, cruised to an undefeated season as well, winning State for the fifth time in 6 years.

In 3A, Lincoln Christian School, coached by Jerry Rieke, also went undefeated this year. They sailed through the playoffs to a victory in the State finals on Saturday.

Congratulations to the Rams, the Spartans, and the Bulldogs. These players and coaches worked hard all year to earn these championships.

In addition to these championship teams, Oklahoma's First District had several teams make it to the finals. Jenks High School took runner-up in 6A Division I. Metro Christian School is playing in this weekend's 2A championship game. And Regent Prep is playing for the Class B championship.

With so many exceptional teams, Friday nights are never boring in Tulsa.

#### HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAKE BURTON CARPENTER

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

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, on November 20, 2019, only 3 weeks ago, Vermont lost a great Vermonter and an inspiring American, Jake Burton Carpenter, the person who started Burton Snowboards, the person who actually created the whole sport of boarding.

Jake was a great Vermonter and pioneer of snowboarding. He was a great husband to his wife, best friend, and business partner for decades, Donna Carpenter, and the proud father of George, Taylor, and Timi, snowboarders or riders all.

Jake's life was one of great effort, inspiring originality, perpetual decency, and deep love of the snowboarding sport Jake created, deep love of the people who came to the sport, and deep love of his community and all the people who worked in his company.

Snowboarding in 2019 is a wildly popular sport that Jake started. It has a prominent place in our Winter Olympic Games, and it has extraordinary champions. It was once shunned and prohibited in all our ski areas.

Mr. Speaker, you couldn't bring a board to a mountain, and it was because the kids who wanted to do this were rambunctious, energetic, and Jake would sometimes say disrespectful of their elders. But they loved to ride, loved to be outdoors, and loved to be with each other. It was this culture of community that Jake created as much as this extraordinary sport that allowed people to demonstrate amazing physical skills.

He started this company in Stratton, Vermont. He worked as a bartender at night. During the day, he worked not in his garage but in a barn at a house where he was housesitting. By himself, he was making these snowboards.

This is one of his early Burton Snowboards.

With Donna, whom he met in 1982 and married in 1983, he then started promoting to ski areas to let these rambunctious kids ride. Ski area after ski area relented and ultimately came to see riding as the economic future of their mountains because as ski trips have gone down, boarding has gone up.

The company that Jake left behind that he started out of nothing now has about 32 percent of the sales in this huge market, about \$400 million. It is over a \$1 billion industry. It has over 1,000 employees in six different countries.

Riding today is something you do if you dare. It wasn't always so. When Jake started in 1977, he started from nothing, but he loved it.

After he graduated from NYU in 1977 and a short stint on Wall Street, the last time I think Jake ever wore a suit, he went to pursue his dream in Vermont. He marketed this board initially to 22-year-olds. Then he realized that when he was a kid, the first time that he got on something that was the predecessor to these beautiful Burton Snowboards, it was two skis bound together with a rope at the top called a Snurfer, and he was 15 or 16. He started

marketing to even younger kids. They went outside, got on the mountain, and then a sport was born.

Mr. Speaker, so many champions have been folks who rode these boards in their glory. One of them, of course, was Shaun "The Flying Tomato" White. The Flying Tomato got so many awards that he has become one of our greatest Olympic champions.

Now, Jake's life was not without real suffering. He lost his beloved brother, George, in the Vietnam war. His mom, Kitty, died when he was 17.

I want to end with Jake's words: "The riders, the product, the process, this is my heart and soul. I just love the freedom snowboarding gives you to do whatever you want."

#### USMCA WILL CREATE JOBS

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend President Trump for the recent bipartisan deal with Congress to replace NAFTA with a new and significantly improved free trade agreement, the USMCA.

This deal will create jobs, boost our agriculture exports, and grow the economy in Kentucky. It is good for our farmers and manufacturers, and it will benefit all Americans.

The USMCA also encourages innovation, opens new markets for our farmers, and strengthens enforcement and accountability with our trading partners in the global economy.

Unfortunately, it took far too long for Speaker PELOSI and the House Democrats to come to the table and move toward action on an important priority to the American people. Their excessive, unfounded focus on impeaching the President has created months of needless delay on a vote on the USMCA, a vote we continue to await.

However, it is good news that a deal has finally been reached. It is one that will provide our economy with increased stability and confidence. But now that we finally have an agreement on a deal negotiated by the President over a year ago, Democratic leadership must act quickly and bring the USMCA to the floor for a vote. My constituents and all Americans deserve no less than a government that works for them rather than one that plays political games with our economy.

The need for a modern agreement with our major trading partners has been neglected for long enough. We must now do our duty and take a vote on the USMCA, which will help us remain competitive in the 21st century economy.

#### RECOGNIZING CUMBERLAND COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE JOHN PHELPS

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Cumberland County Judge Executive John Phelps, for his recent selection to serve as president of the Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association.