

indoor soccer field, enabling children and adults from surrounding areas to hone their athletic skills. Civic pride and a commitment to others is demonstrated by organizations such as the Darien Woman's Club, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Good Work Sunny Patch Project, VFW, and the Darien Lions Club, which is one of the largest in the state. These groups serve others through food pantries, holiday giving, clothing drives, art and writing events, and scholarships.

It is an honor and privilege to congratulate Darien on its 50 years of growth and accomplishments. I congratulate Mayor Joseph Marchese, the City of Darien's Birthday Committee, and each of its citizens on this wonderful milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, on December 10th, I missed roll call vote 660. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE.

HONORING THE WILLINGBORO HIGH SCHOOL CHIMERAS FOR WINNING THE NJSIAA REGIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Willingboro High School Chimeras football team, who last week won the NJSIAA Group 1 South Regional Championship.

Led by head coach Steve Everette and a strong roster from starters to reserves, the Chimeras showed outstanding teamwork and perseverance all season. From a dominant offensive line to their lockdown defense, the team's balance and focus helped them bring home the Group 1 South Regional title.

In the final, Willingboro's strong defense, rushing attack and ability to stretch the field helped propel them to a 50-14 victory over Penns Grove. The Chimeras played through pressure in the final to finish the season on a 12-game winning streak, ending the year 12-1.

I'm proud to be able to celebrate the success of some of the talented student-athletes from my district in New Jersey. I want to congratulate Coach Everette and the Willingboro team on their tremendous season, and for bringing the title back to Burlington County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, on December 11, 2019, I was unable to be present to cast

my vote on the Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider H.R. 729, because I was unaware that an additional vote had been called. Had I been present for roll call No. 671, I would have voted "AYE."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GUADALUPE CENTERS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the victory of the Guadalupe Centers Charter High School Boys soccer team. This victory establishes the team as Missouri's Class 2 Champions—the first championship title in school and program history. The achievement of such a title undoubtedly required strong leadership matched with unparalleled levels of passion and dedication. I am proud to represent the exemplary work of athletes like these in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

Not only did they finish this season with a winning 22-2 record, the team—comprised of first or second-generation Americans—demonstrates a uniquely American story of hard work, diversity, sacrifice, and perseverance. Embracing both their differences and their similarities, this united identity gave the team a unique sense of purpose and comradery that eventually led them down the path to victory. For many, the struggles along the path to this achievement were symbolic of the sacrifices many of their parents and loved ones made for them to have this opportunity.

Under the direction of head coach, Ricky Olivares, the Guadalupe Center Aztecs made their first tournament appearance in school history. They eventually reached the state final by beating Southern Boone High School 2-0 with sophomore Luckyboy Tarley scoring both goals in the shutout. On November 23, 2019, Guadalupe Centers High School went head-to-head with St. Louis Priory School. In a tense game, senior leader David Portillo scored three of the four goals, Tarley scoring the other. With the support of freshman goalkeeper Henry Godinez and the rest of the team, the Aztecs pulled off a 4-3 win over the four-time state champions, Priory.

It is my pleasure to congratulate each of the vitally important team members that helped Guadalupe Centers Charter High School claim this title, and I encourage each player to continue challenging themselves to pursue all that they do with the same passion and tenacity displayed in this historic season.

Madam Speaker, please join with Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in celebrating the victories of the Guadalupe Centers Aztecs, and I encourage my fellow citizens and constituents to unite together under the same spirit of perseverance, collaboration, and hard work that led this remarkable team to their monumental victory.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 675 on Motion to table the motion to reconsider H.R. 5038. If present, I would have voted "nay."

MR. HENRY COLE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, December 19, 2019, Mr. Henry Cole of Washington, D.C. will celebrate his centennial birthday.

Mr. Cole and his nine siblings were born and raised right here in the nation's capital, where he developed a love for his family, his hometown, and his nation. During World War II, Mr. Cole honorably served in the United States Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii.

After the war, he returned home to Washington, D.C., where he continued his pursuit of the American Dream. Mr. Cole worked as a machinist at the Washington Navy Yard, opened a family-owned restaurant with his sister, and eventually retired from the United States Postal Service in 1980 after a long, distinguished career in public service.

I believe one of the most moving and inspirational aspects of Mr. Cole's legacy and life is the love affair he shared with Gloria, his beloved wife of 68 years. Together, they raised seven children—Theodore, Shelia, Sylvia, Linda, Rex, Alice and Don. Those seeds planted with love continue to flourish in their 25 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, there is an African proverb that says, "What you help a child to love can be more important than what you help him to learn." Mr. Cole adored his family, his country, and his community; however, he never restricted his devotion and wisdom to his immediate family and maintained an open door and served as a father figure and role model to countless others.

As we strive towards realizing the dream of a nation at peace with itself and her neighbors, Mr. Cole witnessed and was an agent of change. On the behalf of a grateful nation, I thank this beloved patriarch for embodying courage, character, compassion for the last century.

For these reasons, Madam Speaker, I am proud to join the family and all who know and love Mr. Henry Cole in honoring him on the occasion of his 100th birthday.