

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.

RECOGNIZING JAMES W. OXFORD,
NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION, FOR HIS
DECADES OF SERVICE

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James W. "Bill" Oxford, the National Commander of the American Legion, for his service to our nation and his dedication to the American Legion.

Mr. Oxford served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, was discharged as a sergeant in 1970, and later joined the North Carolina National Guard. He ultimately retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a colonel after more than 34 years of military service.

Mr. Oxford, a Legionnaire since 1986, was elected National Commander of the American Legion on August 29, 2019, during the American Legion's 101st National Convention.

Orange County is thrilled to welcome Mr. Oxford as he visits our beloved American Legion Post 291, which has been a fixture in the Newport Beach community for nearly 100 years.

I urge all members to join me in recognizing Mr. Oxford for his work on behalf of American veterans and legionnaires across the United States.

HONORING BITTLE PORTERFIELD III

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Bittle Porterfield III, a Roanoke native, businessman, and champion of the area's education and arts, who died on November 29, 2019 at the age of 75. Mr. Porterfield was incredibly involved in the Roanoke community, and his goal was to make the Roanoke Valley and Virginia a better place to live.

Bittle Porterfield III was born on March 9, 1944. He attended Roanoke College for his undergraduate degree. After graduating, Mr. Porterfield served in the United States Army for two years. He then earned a master's in business administration at Virginia Tech. Mr. Porterfield worked in the beverage industry for most of his career, leading two family-run businesses.

In addition to business, Mr. Porterfield had a passion for education. He was the president of the Western Virginia Foundation for the Arts and Sciences, where he oversaw maintenance for three museums, three performing arts centers, and the region's arts council. Mr. Porterfield was also the President of the Taubman Museum of Art.

Mr. Porterfield took any opportunity he saw to benefit the Roanoke Valley. This is evident in his service as Chairman for the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority, the Foundation for the Roanoke Valley, and the Roanoke Valley Business Council. Mr. Porterfield was also the President of the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The effort that Mr. Porterfield poured into education was noticed, and he was appointed

to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Additionally, he served on the Radford University Board of Visitors.

Mr. Porterfield also used his passion for aviation at the Virginia Aviation Board, where he was a member. He also served as the Chairman of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission.

The Roanoke Valley and the Commonwealth of Virginia were fortunate to have such a strong proponent and leader of education and business in their community.

Mr. Porterfield's survivors include Charlotte Kelley Porterfield; his sons Bittle Wilson Porterfield IV and wife, Holly, and Forrest Kelley Porterfield and wife, Katie; and grandchildren Bittle Wilson Porterfield V, Jackson Watkins Porterfield, Forrest Shepperson Porterfield, and William Hines Porterfield. I offer my condolences to the Porterfield family on their loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN L. SANETTI'S DECADES OF SERVICE

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephen L. Sanetti for his decades of dedicated service upon his retirement as Chief Executive Officer of the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Steve is a fierce defender and ardent supporter of our constitutional right to keep and bear arms, but is first and foremost an American patriot. A member of Virginia Military Institute's Class of 1971, Steve graduated with honors before earning his Juris Doctor at Washington and Lee University School of Law. While attending VMI, Steve was a member of the Executive Committee, Battalion Operations, president of the Rifle and Pistol Club, and four-year member of the Rifle Team. I venture to say that Steve is a pretty great shot. From 1975 to 1978, Steve proudly wore the uniform of the United States Army in the First Cavalry Division Staff Judge Advocate at Ft. Hood, Texas, attaining the rank of Captain. Steve continues to live by the Army core values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage to this day and holds true his oath to support the Constitution of the United States.

Following a two-year stint as Litigation Counsel at Marsh, Day & Calhoun in Connecticut, Steve was hired by Bill Ruger in 1980 as the first general counsel for one of the nation's leading firearm manufacturing companies. For nearly three decades, Steve rose through the ranks to President and has devoted his life to Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. Without question, this prepared him well for taking over the helm as President and CEO of the National Shooting Sports Foundation—the trade association for America's firearms and ammunition industry—and the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute. In his nearly 12 years at NSSF, Steve has guided the foundation through times of both turbulence and growth. Under Steve's leadership, NSSF's firearms safety and education program, Project ChildSafe®, has seen tremendous success and new partnerships have been established with the American

Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Department of Veterans Affairs to address suicide and with ATF to prevent firearms from landing in the wrong hands. Because of Steve's unwavering commitment to both developing genuine solutions that make for safer communities and respecting the rights of law-abiding citizens, NSSF continues to be a leading voice in the national conversation to promote firearm safety and responsibility. Steve can certainly take pride in his work at NSSF and in helping to ensure that future generations have opportunities to enjoy the great pastimes of hunting and the shooting sports.

I thank Steve for his service and love of country. As Steve begins the next chapter of his life, spending more time with family—in particular his grandchildren—and growing the next generation of sportsmen, I congratulate him and wish him, his wife Carole, their children and grandchildren all the best.

CONGRATULATING MR. AND MRS. DONALD COLE

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I want to express my sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cole on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on December 14, 2019.

Donald Dwight Cole and Edna Earl Mize married on December 14, 1969 at Millport Church of Christ. Their story began when they met in study hall as juniors in high school, where they were the only students in the class. Don grew up Millport, AL, while Edna grew up all over the country as the daughter of a U.S. Air Force veteran until the military brought her to Millport in 1965. It is the classic love story. Don, the football player, and Edna, soon to become Homecoming Queen, fell in love as high school sweethearts and soon found themselves at the University of Alabama.

After college graduation Don was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force and Edna began teaching English. Over the next few decades the Air Force would station them in Aurora, CO; Goldsboro, NC; Washington, DC; Uijeongbu, South Korea; Colorado Springs, CO; Nashville, TN; back to Colorado Springs, CO, and then to their last tour back in Bowie, MD.

In their retirement years they continue to serve in their church, Columbus Church of Christ, run the consignment store Cole's Collections, serve on the South Lamar Rescue Squad, Millport Chamber of Commerce and the C3 Northwest Alabama Economic Alliance.

They learned their strong faith, work and personal ethics from parents, which they've also taught by example to their two children, Eric Lee Cole (Kensington, MD) and Emily Cole Monahan (Columbus, MS). They have always stayed close to their roots and family in Lamar County, and remain avid Alabama football fans. Celebrated now by their 2 children (Eric and Emily), 2 grandchildren Thomas Cole Monahan (Columbus, MS) and Ryan Lee Cole (Kensington, MD) . . . theirs is truly a love story of obedience to God, loyalty and perseverance.

Fifty years later their love story, and the Air Force, have taken them all over the world and