

days ago. The students were asked to come onto the court during half time to make a donation and take a free throw for Maddie. Students from both schools, from every social circle, walked onto that court to support her family.

I know that the Brighton community has rallied around her family and today is mourning her loss. Our hearts are with her family as we honor and celebrate the life of this remarkable young woman.

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RECOGNIZING ELENI CHRISTOPOULOS

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Knoxville Catholic High School senior Eleni Christopoulos. Eleni has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award and was recently named to Knox.biz's 20 Under 20 class.

When Eleni was born, she had a serious infection that needed specialized medical care. Fortunately, she overcame her illness, but she knows that not every sick child will get the same outcome. The experience inspired Eleni to start a program at East Tennessee Children's Hospital to comfort families whose children pass away in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Eleni builds and hand-paints memory boxes for grieving families to store cherished keepsakes like photos and footprints. While it is impossible to ease the pain of a lost child, Eleni's memory boxes offer the families a small comfort during a difficult time.

We don't hear enough about our young folks giving back to their communities and taking the initiative to help others, so I congratulate Eleni for making a meaningful difference in the Knoxville community and for being recognized as a young leader in the 20 Under 20 class.

Eleni has a bright future ahead of her, Mr. Speaker, and I know her grandparents and her mom and dad, and they are very proud, as I am.

CONGRATULATING RANKY TANKY ON WINNING A GRAMMY AWARD

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

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today to congratulate Charleston's very own Ranky Tanky for winning a Grammy for Best Regional Roots Music Album.

Ranky Tanky was formed in 2016, made their Lowcountry debut in April 2017, and have since issued two albums and toured the world. Despite touring the world and going around the U.S. and playing, they have never forgotten

their hometown of Charleston and their Lowcountry roots.

The Gullah culture is a vital part of the Lowcountry and our history. It is in the food we eat and the music we love. Ranky Tanky has shared Gullah tradition with the entire world, and for that, we owe them a debt of gratitude.

Congrats to Quentin, Kevin, Quiana, Clay, and Charlton. I am sure that this journey feels like it has been a fairytale, but I assure them that they are just getting started.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIAN KELLY

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend Brian Kelly, who passed away on Tuesday, January 21, at 1:21 a.m., after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer.

I first met Brian when we were congressional staffers together in central Illinois. He was infectious to be around with his positive attitude and his perpetual optimism to always help others. We bonded over our mutual friends and experiences in his hometown of Vandalia, Illinois.

Brian was the epitome of what a public servant should strive to be, putting everyone else above himself, even during his fight against this deadly disease. After diagnosis, when I would see him, the smile and accompanying laughs made us sometimes forget the pain that he and his wife, Megan, were experiencing when none of us were around.

Madam Speaker, my friend Brian has no more need to fight, but knowing that does not make it any easier on his loved ones who lost him too soon. My heartfelt prayers go out to his lovely wife, Megan, and the entire Kelly family and all those who were lucky, like me, to know such a kind soul.

RECOGNIZING RUSSELL "ROOSTER" VALENTI

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary constituent, a man who, in my community, is known only as Rooster. He really needs no other name, but his given name is Russell Valentini.

Rooster has worked in the Allentown School District for a very long time. His title with the Allentown School District is Home and School Visitor, but it fails to capture the world of difference he has made in the lives of homeless children and families.

For 35 years, Rooster has served as the lifeline for the 600 to 800 students experiencing homelessness in the Allentown School District at any given

time. The poems he has written over the years about the children he has encountered reflect the ways that the children have touched his life and in which he has touched theirs.

Even now, Rooster still grows emotional when telling the story of the father who doesn't know if he will be able to get his paycheck in time to make the rent, the family who has lost their home, the child with no bed to sleep in at night.

Rooster, for these many years, has provided school supplies, uniforms, and hygiene items, as well as food, to help these students and their families.

Everywhere in my community there are people whose lives are immeasurably better today because of Rooster.

Rooster prepares to retire at the end of this school year, and I want to congratulate him. We will miss him. We should all draw inspiration from the powerful example he has set.

RECOGNIZING DEMARKUS BOWMAN, MR. FOOTBALL

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lakeland High School's Demarkus Bowman, who was recently named Florida's Mr. Football.

After finishing runner-up last year, Demarkus beat out the competition this year, having run for over 1,600 yards and 24 touchdowns in only 11 games. As a unanimous 5-star running back and the number 16 overall player in the Nation, Demarkus will be taking his talent next season to Clemson University.

Not only is Demarkus a star football player, but Demarkus also excels in track. More importantly, Demarkus is a young man with a grateful heart who is supported by a devoted family and friends.

I am proud of Demarkus and all his Dreadnaught teammates who represent our district so well. Not only do I celebrate their accomplishments on the field, but I also look forward to seeing them take on the mantle of leadership in their generation.

RECOGNIZING JAMES GREGORIUS

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James Gregorius, the associate director for training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, FLETC, who will be retiring this week after more than 40 years of public service.

Mr. Gregorius began his career in law enforcement as a police officer with the Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department. From there, he transitioned to Federal policing, where he served as a special agent within both the Drug Enforcement Administration as well as the National Security Agency.