

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.

This experience and this expertise positioned him perfectly for a high-level career with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, which is headquartered in the First Congressional District of Georgia. During James' time there, he did an exceptional job of managing training operations in Georgia, New Mexico, South Carolina, and the D.C. metropolitan area.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. Gregorius for his service to our country and congratulate him on his retirement.

James' presence, leadership, and expertise will all be missed.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC ACTION OF ODREN POLK

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, today, it is my great pleasure to recognize the heroic action of Odren Polk, a resident of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in our 12th Congressional District.

Affectionately referred to as "Mr. O," Odren serves his community at Stevens Primary School through STEP AmeriCorps, a national service organization.

On what Odren described as an otherwise usual day in the cafeteria, Mr. O noticed one of the students choking on a grape tomato. Utilizing the first aid training he received at AmeriCorps, Mr. O jumped into action, dislodging the tomato from the student's airway and saving his life.

What Mr. O described as an automatic reaction was possible only because of the training he received at AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs that seeks to improve lives and foster civic engagement. Approximately 75,000 Americans across the country serve their community through AmeriCorps each year.

AmeriCorps members also receive training that prepares them to serve their communities after their AmeriCorps is completed. As in the case with Mr. O, sometimes that training comes in handy sooner rather than later.

PROVIDING NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AMERICANS

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, today, President Trump signed the historic United States-Mexico-Canada trade agreement and fulfilled a campaign promise to modernize trade with two of our largest trading partners.

The USMCA is projected to generate \$68 billion in new economic activity and create over 175,000 new jobs for hardworking Americans.

President Trump and Republicans fought to complete the USMCA on behalf of American farmers, ranchers, manufacturers, and small business owners.

As a rural State with strong agricultural, manufacturing, and business sectors, Mississippi stands to benefit greatly from this agreement by expanding markets for high-quality Mississippi poultry and livestock and hundreds of manufacturing products.

This trade agreement will provide a boost to our economy that has grown significantly under Republican leadership and is another example of free market economic principles at work to provide new employment opportunities for all Americans.

WISHING THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS LUCK IN THE SUPER BOWL

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it seems like it was just yesterday when I sat down in my family living room with my dad to watch Super Bowl IV. It was an exciting game, watching Hank Stram strut up and down the sideline, Lenny Dawson completing long passes to Otis Taylor.

This weekend, after 50 years in the desert, the Chiefs are back at the Super Bowl. On behalf of the entire delegation, I want to wish Coach Reid and MVP Patrick Mahomes a great day, a great game, wishing that they all do their very best and bring back home that Lombardi Trophy.

HONORING JEAN FERNANDEZ

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, this past weekend was the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge of World War II in Europe.

I rise today to honor a great lady, Jean Fernandez, who is a veteran of that historic battle and turned 100 very recently.

Living to be 100 years old is an accomplishment on its own, but Jean's story is particularly remarkable.

Arriving after D-Day and before the Battle of the Bulge, Jean is one of the few women veterans who was actually able to serve in that role in our Nation during World War II.

During her time as a nurse at the 179th U.S. Army General Hospital at Rouen in northern France, the hospital was constantly under threat of air attack, and many of the young men she cared for were severely affected by shell shock.

Had it not been for the My Life, My Story program provided by the VA, Jean's story may not have ever been told.

I had the pleasure of stopping by and spending some time with her at her 100th birthday party up in Susanville,

and I enjoyed hearing her recount her time in the military as well as her extraordinary life.

What a neat lady. She is an exceptional American, and I am very thankful for her service and really honored to have had a chance to get to know her and spend time with her.

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REVIEWING IMPEACHMENT PROCESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SLOTKIN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, it has been an interesting day.

I was down in the Senate earlier today. We have reciprocity with the Senate, so we can go onto the Senate floor. It is a very interesting experience, seeing a President who committed no crime, not even perjury, like President Clinton, having an attempt to remove him from office.

An article today by Brent Bozell says: "One favorite tactic of our 'objective' media during the impeachment of President Donald Trump is to find a clip of the President's legal experts such as Ken Starr and Alan Dershowitz expressing an opinion during the 1998-99 impeachment of Bill Clinton and then show a contrast with the present day. But this is just as easily demonstrated with the press.

"It is not surprising that Democrats and Republicans favor or oppose impeachment based on the party of the President in the dock. It should be surprising that our supposedly non-partisan journalists flip to whichever talking points are in use by the Democrats. That makes the press a gaggle of hypocrites.

"Back in 1998, Newsweek's Eleanor Clift spoke for the vast majority of the press from her chair on 'The McLaughlin Group.' Before the House voted to impeach Clinton, she warned, 'If the Republicans want to go ahead and do this, I think they disgrace themselves in a more profound way than President Clinton has by abusing the machinery of impeachment, knowing full well that the Senate will hold a sham trial and they will be, in effect, delivered of this ridiculous conclusion.'

"Over and over again, these network 'news' stars lamented that the House impeachment vote and the Senate impeachment trial of President Clinton were a 'sham' and a horrible 'distraction' from the people's business. They said small-minded Republican Clinton haters were obsessed with sex, and never mind the actual charges of perjury and obstruction of justice."

Obstruction of justice, of course, being a crime and perjury being a crime, whereas obstruction of Congress is more in the nature of maladministration, which the Founders made