

Quorum Court Justice of the Peace from 2012 through 2020. She was Past President of the Baxter County Women Republican Committee and also a long time member of the Baxter County Republican Committee.

She was devoted to her community by volunteering at Hospice, Meals on Wheels, PLACO, and she taught food preservation. She was an avid gardener, cook and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a hard worker and nobody would out work her. Arkansas is better because of people like Lucille. I ask my colleagues to keep Lucille's friends and family in their prayers.

CONGRATULATING PHOENIX
BLAKELY FOR HIS WIN AT
CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR
WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE
TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phoenix Blakely, a freshman from Dakota High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 120 pound weight class.

Phoenix is 37–7 and now a state champion. He previously competed in three straight Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation title matches where he placed second, but he was determined to win first at the high school state tournament. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Phoenix displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Phoenix is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Dakota so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Phoenix Blakely that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Phoenix Blakely on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

HONORING BIRTH-DAY

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me and members of Concerned Families in Southern Oregon in recognizing "Birth-Day" on the first day of every May. Since 2012, the Birth-Day Project has motivated concerned adults to make an impact on their local public and private schools by visiting students and celebrating all their birthdays with ice cream sundaes and recreational activities. Nearly 10,000 Americans celebrated Birth-Day last year, including several of the inaugural members in Grants Pass, OR who first recognized Birth-Day as 4th graders nine years ago. In fact, the Birth-Day Project has been so significant for students and their communities that a similar group in the State of New York, Young Life Manhattan, now cele-

brates Birth-Day in schools throughout the Bronx.

However, this May students that would be wrapping up their school year or graduating at school, are instead learning from home and practicing social distancing in the wake of the COVID–19 pandemic. Although many students and adults may feel disheartened at missing this year's Birth-Day celebration while at school, I ask that they keep in mind the sentiment of honoring the birth and life of their fellow community members. As the Coronavirus continues to impact our daily lives, we must turn to our American values to reinvigorate our fortitude as well as own faith in each other during this crisis. The Birth-Day Project seeks to bring out the best in us by valuing compassion, community, and service to others.

Once again, I hope my colleagues will join me today, Friday, May 1st in building community connectedness all over our great country and celebrating the birthdays of young Americans who deserve some cheer and support during these trying times. I would personally like to wish a happy Birth-Day to all the Oregon students who cannot celebrate at school this year. We are all in this together.

HONORING THE IOWA NATIONAL
GUARD AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me, in honor of National Military Appreciation Month, in recognizing the nearly one thousand members of Iowa's National Guard that are helping our state fight COVID–19 as our Iowans of the Week.

Over 800 soldiers and airmen with Iowa's National Guard have been called to state active duty to help combat COVID–19. They're delivering personal protective equipment to our Frontline health workers and county emergency management facilities. They're helping our food banks package and deliver food to Iowans in need. And they're helping our state complete COVID–19 testing through the new "Test Iowa" program, a critical step to charting a pathway to safely reopening Iowa through a data-driven understanding of the spread of the virus in Iowa.

Members of the Guard like Specialist Janet Fonseca and Private First Class Cesar Galvan—a husband and wife from Marshalltown—have stepped up and helped their fellow Iowans in the face of these unprecedented times. Our Iowa National Guard are citizen soldiers—meaning they have to balance everyday demands with their responsibilities of service to our nation. Even soon-to-be and new parents, like Guardsman Mark Williams, are balancing the needs of their families and the demands of serving during this pandemic.

In the past few weeks, members of our National Guard have worked early mornings and long days, helping to deliver personal protective equipment to over 88 counties in Iowa to keep our health care workers and emergency response professionals safe.

They've also helped to repackage and sort food at our food banks—ensuring Iowans in need during this pandemic do not go hungry.

I'm proud to represent Camp Dodge, the headquarters of the Iowa National Guard, in Johnston, Iowa. I'm proud of the strong servant leadership I've seen in Colonel John Perkins, serving with the Army Guard, and Brigadier General Shawn Ford, serving with the Air Guard. These brave men and women who are now called to serve are taking time away from their regular jobs and their families to help support our citizens—and they deserve the thanks of a grateful state.

Our National Guard members now serving may be known to their neighbors only as members of the local church or an employee at a local business—their regular lives before this pandemic that gave no indication of their commitment to serve. But in times of crisis, we know we can count on them—for this is hardly the first time they've been called to help.

Last year, when Iowa was reeling from devastating flooding in the southwest part of our state, it was members of our National Guard who stepped up to help crippled communities get back on their feet.

And so, in recognition of National Military Appreciation Month, I'm proud to honor the brave and dedicated men and women of the Iowa National Guard for their critical help to our emergency response to the COVID–19 pandemic.

I ask everyone to join me in thanking the Iowans serving our country both here and around the world as members of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Their commitment to our nation and to protecting our citizens—in the face of enemies both seen and unseen—is not forgotten in these unique and challenging times.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF CORNELIUS LEVI KNOWLES

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cornelius Levi Knowles;

Whereas, "Corky," as he was affectionally known to his friends and family, was born in Hallandale, Florida to Melbourne and Albertha Knowles on January 20, 1928, and graduated from Dorsey High School with bold aspirations in 1946;

Whereas, after working hard and saving money, Cornelius moved to Washington D.C. to attend Howard University, overcoming racial prejudices, working nightly at the post office, and obtaining his undergraduate degree, he graduated from the Howard University College of Dentistry second in his class;

Whereas, Cornelius had a distinguished career—serving as a clinical instructor at Howard University before moving to Chicago to open his own practice and serving as an examiner for both the Northeast Regional Board of Dentistry and the Illinois State Board of Dentistry;

Whereas, outside of his distinguished career, Cornelius was a loving husband to Althea, the love of his life. Together they were active community members supporting countless charities and treating everyone they met like family for nearly 60 years;

Whereas, Cornelius will be remembered by friends as the life of the party, always having