

a joke ready to lighten the mood, even if the reactions to his own jokes were funnier than the jokes themselves;

*Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the House of Representatives of the United States of America,* That the life and legacy of Cornelius “Corky” Levi Knowles, who peacefully passed away on April 24th, 2020, be remembered and honored.

CONGRATULATING BRYCE FAWORSKI 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 Bryce Faworski, a senior from Winnebago High School, who won the Illinois High School Association’s Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 160 pound weight class.

Bryce went a perfect 4–0 at the state tournament to complete a 39–1 record on the season. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Bryce displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Bryce is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Winnebago so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

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

IN MEMORY OF JAMES WOOD

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James Wood. Well-known in North Texas, he was businessman, veteran, and philanthropist.

Mr. Wood was born on November 4, 1937, in Decatur, Texas and grew up the youngest of five children. After graduating high school in 1956, he left his Wise County hometown and went to work in a shipyard on the Harvey Canal in Louisiana. After a short time working in Louisiana, he entered the U.S. Army, serving his country for three years. Upon his honorable discharge from the military, Mr. Wood went to work at Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth.

He decided to try his hand at selling cars just like his father. Mr. Wood became manager of Cocanougher Ford in Bridgeport. For a decade, with his wife Shirley, they successfully operated Tanwood Motor Sales in Decatur before taking over the General Motors dealership.

In 1989, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Woods, James Wood Motors became the largest GMC truck dealer in the United States. During the next decade, their dealership was

the top GMC dealership in Texas. James Wood Motors built a new facility in 1989 and became Wise County’s full-line General Motors.

The Woods expanded their geographic footprint and vehicle offerings by purchasing a Buick/GMC dealership in Denton. James Wood Motors added Pontiac, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Jeep, Eagle and Mazda to their dealership portfolio and created the James Wood AutoPark by 1994 in Denton. The Woods family currently owns General Motors dealerships in Decatur and Denton, a Hyundai dealership in Decatur, as well as Neighborhood Used Car dealerships with multiple North Texas locations.

Mr. Wood was recognized for his many contributions to the community as Decatur’s “Citizen of the Year” in 1989. In addition, he was elected to the GM Presidents Dealer Advisory Council in 1987 and served as a board member of the Wise Health System for ten years. He was instrumental in founding the Champions and Blue Ribbon Club for the Wise County Youth Fair and due to his time and efforts in support of the Fort Worth Stock Show, he was elected to the Stock Show Board of Directors.

While a very successful business owner and community philanthropist, Mr. Wood was also an avid farmer and rancher and dedicated family man. He enjoyed cutting horses and raising cattle but most importantly, spending time with his wife of sixty years, Shirley, and their three children: daughter Janetta, son Raymond and late son Josh, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

James Wood was a respected business and community leader and a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends to whom I extend my sincere condolences.

ABIGAIL TROESTLER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Abigail Troestler for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Abigail Troestler is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Abigail Troestler is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Abigail Troestler for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF HAROLD REID, A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE STATLER BROTHERS

**HON. BEN CLINE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the passing of Harold Reid on April 24, 2020, and to honor his legacy of commitment to family, community, and music.

Harold Reid was born August 21, 1939, the son of Sidney Boxley Reid and Mary France Craun. He married Brenda Lee Armstrong and together they raised daughters Kim, Karmen, Kodi, Kasey, and son Wil. He is survived by Brenda, their children and spouses, and ten grandchildren.

Harold Reid loved his family, entertaining, and the small-town they call “home”—Staunton, Virginia. Together with high school friends, Harold formed the Four Star Quartet, debuting as gospel singers, who were welcomed in churches across the Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County area. They performed for high school dances and other local events before winning the 1955 Kiwanis Amateur Talent Show in Staunton, earning a live performance on a Richmond television station.

By 1960, the group’s membership changed, and Don Reid joined his brother in the group which became known as The Kingsmen. They played for the Miss Virginia Pageant and earned a contract to appear regularly on a regional television station. In 1962, they opted to change their performing name again, becoming The Statler Brothers.

Histories of the renowned Statler Brothers credit Harold Reid with the vision and charisma that encouraged the quartet to continue their musical performances. His deep bass voice undergirded wonderful harmonies when the quartet was on stage. His sense of humor kept audiences engaged and his fellow bandmates upbeat through long hours of road travel.

It was Harold Reid who approached another country music legend, Johnny Cash, following Cash’s performance in Roanoke, Virginia. Harold reportedly told Johnny that he should hear the quartet sing. A few days later, the Statler Brothers opened for Johnny Cash for shows in Berryville, Virginia. The Statler Brothers became a part of Cash’s roadshow on March 1, 1964. Fans of country music will recall where that road led.

The Statler Brothers earned their first hit the following year with “Flowers on the Wall.” The group released more than 50 albums. They won three Grammys, nine Country Music Association Awards, six International Country Music Awards, and numerous Music City News Awards. The Statler Brothers Show ran on The Nashville Network from 1991 to 1998. “Flowers on the Wall” garnered renewed interest when the lyrics were included in the movie “Pulp Fiction” (1994). In 1996, a Harris Poll ranking America’s favorite singers listed the group as second to Frank Sinatra and ahead of many other singers across various genres. The Statler Brothers have been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame (2007) and the Country Music Hall of Fame (2008). The group performed for over 40 years.

Harold Reid and the Statler Brothers never forgot their small-town roots. Harold was a co-

founder of Happy Birthday USA. Annually for 25 years, the Statler Brothers would invite country music friends to join them onstage in Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park to celebrate the Fourth of July with family and neighbors. The events drew thousands of people to celebrate America's Independence and picnic while listening to country music artists and the on-stage banter of Harold Reid.

The Statler Brothers, whose members at the time included Harold and Don Reid, Phil Balsley, and Jimmy Fortune, retired from performing in 2002. Members wanted to return home to spend time with family. In retirement, it was not unusual to see Harold along with Brenda and their family at various events around town.

Young men from small-town America who enjoyed singing, the Statler Brothers became world famous, bringing laughter and tears to their fans over the long course of their musical career. Retired, the Statler Brothers continued to encourage young performers and to celebrate America and small-town community life. Wilson Fairchild, the country duo of Wil Reid and Langston Reid, have stepped onto the musical stage and picked up the mantle of celebrating the Fourth of July in Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park by hosting Happy Birthday America.

Harold Reid created a lasting impression on all those who met him, on the fans that he entertained over four decades, on country music as a songwriter, and on the community where he remained rooted. It is with appreciation for a life well-lived that these words about Harold Reid's achievements are submitted for the RECORD. May his family and friends find solace in knowing the esteem with which we uphold the memory of Harold Reid.

RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON THE TOWN OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

**HON. TOM MALINOWSKI**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The corona virus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

With a population of just under 13,500, the Township of Berkeley Heights in Union County, New Jersey has been hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. We have witnessed 129 cases to date with 21 deaths and residents testing positive every day, adding to our overall caseload.

Our local budget is set to be introduced before the state's extended deadline of April 28th while our second tax collection period begins May 1st. The timeframe does not allow our governing body to make an informed decision of tax collection versus expenditures. As a result, we significantly cut our spending to provide a zero dollar increase to our residents since the outbreak of the pandemic. Layoffs of

part-time employees and cutting police radios, police cars, fire department gear and sewer department equipment and has been sacrificed this year amidst the financial crisis that our state, county and township faces as we follow Governor Murphy's Stay-at-Home order.

As we remain at home to spare the lives of our family, friends and neighbors, our local budget faces shortfalls from: the closure of our municipal court and resulting halt in fees it generates; hotel occupancy tax revenue—which generally produces \$250,000 in revenue directly to the municipality not shared with the Board of Education or County; Uniform Fire Prevention inspection decline due to social distancing rules; Little interest being earned on investment as a result of the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates to 0 percent; Anticipated lower-than-usual collection of current year taxes as a result of economic hardships experienced by our residents such as employment or loss of their small businesses; Cancellation of Spring and likely Summer recreation programs, halting fees into our Recreation Trust Fund, which pays for our recreation employees.

Further, we also anticipate an increase in tax appeals from businesses for 2020. The Township already received notice of appeal from its two biggest taxpayers—Connell Office park and Nokia/Bell Labs—and anticipates that many small businesses will follow. Additionally, as a result of our Judgment of Repose, the Township is obligated to move forward with 6 redevelopment projects that have PILOT agreements attached to pay for a \$32,000,000 municipal complex to house our police, senior, library, recreation and administration space. The facilities will be essential for our residents as we move through this pandemic into our new "normal." Delays in redevelopment construction due to supply chain disruptions related to Covid-19 will likely impact future construction fees, which means anticipated revenue to the Township from these projects will not be realized sooner, when it is so desperately needed. Finally, we anticipate the State of New Jersey and County of Union will also face great fiscal challenges and therefore, the Township expects a decrease in grant money available for infrastructure repair such as roads and our sewer infrastructure, which has not been upgraded since constructed.

Additionally, New Jersey municipalities have a legal obligation to pay the Board of Education and the county, even if our portion of taxes cannot be collected. This places a tremendous burden on small towns.

It is crucial that smaller municipalities receive CARES 2 funds to help stabilize our local government and economies. I implore the United States House and Senate to pass legislation that will help small-town America.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER JAMES, ELLIE RODITIS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS EXERCISE SCIENCE PROGRAM

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Christopher James, Ellie

Roditis, and the University of Central Arkansas Exercise Science Program for their efforts in creating personal protective equipment for the healthcare workers of Arkansas.

Arkansas Air Force Reservist and full-time student Christopher James alongside his classmates from UCA have constructed and donated 114 medical face masks to healthcare workers at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Christopher and his classmates are expected to complete at least 200 more masks which will be donated to patients and their families within the community.

This initiative reflects the ongoing support for our healthcare workers, and the ability our community has to come together during these times of crisis.

I congratulate Christopher James, Ellie Roditis, and the University of Central Arkansas Exercise Science Program for dedicating their time to ensuring our health care workers and the community are protected.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CHRISTOPHER SCOTT SANDEFER

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Christopher Scott Sandefer, who passed away on April 25th at the age of 57. Scott grew up in Lee County, Mississippi, and was a standout athlete at Shannon High School where he graduated in 1980. He then attended the University of Mississippi where he was a member of the ROTC and graduated with a degree in Public Administration.

Scott answered the call to serve our great nation with the Mississippi National Guard and was a Brigade Leader and Company Commander for the 155th Brigade in Tupelo for many years. Scott's life of service also included over 30 years in law enforcement at many agencies and positions. Scott served as a former Captain of the North Mississippi Narcotics Unit, he served with the Tupelo Police Department, the Pontotoc Police Department, and later retired from the Pontotoc County Sheriffs Department where his talents were appreciated and respected by all.

Scott enjoyed spending time in the outdoors where he was an avid hunter and motorcyclist. He was also an avid college sports fan and especially enjoyed cheering on his alma mater the Ole Miss Rebels.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Cristi Lane Jordan Sandefer, his daughter, Shelby Leigh Sandefer, as well as many other close family members and friends. Scott Sandefer's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

RECOGNIZING THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN UTAH

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 1, 2020*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Assistance League of Southern Utah for its outstanding work in assisting