

a player and a coach. After playing at Frostburg State, Coach Pannoni became an assistant Varsity Football Coach there in 1979. He then went on to build an extensive and successful career in numerous positions. He was a head football coach in Fairfax County and the surrounding area for more than 20 years before accepting the position of head coach at South County in 2011.

Coach Pannoni has received numerous awards and honors throughout his many accomplished seasons. In his eight years at South County Coach Pannoni and the South County Stallions won the District Championship 6 times and he was named District coach of the year all 6 of those years. The Stallions won the Regional Championship 2 times under Coach Pannoni and he was named Region Coach of the year both years. Coach Pannoni was the first inductee into the South County High School Football Ring of Honor, which has been named after him. He was named Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame Coach of the Year three times, in 2011, 2016, and most recently in 2019. During his tenure at South County, Coach Pannoni and the Varsity Football team have never had a losing record. Coach Pannoni has displayed strong leadership, professionalism, and dedication throughout his time at South County, and has been a true role model for all of the students on his team. I congratulate Coach Pannoni and the Stallion football program on winning the VHSL 6A State Championship. Although Coach Pannoni has relocated to another state, I wish him and the Stallions continued success.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in honoring Coach Pannoni and the South County Stallions in recognition of their undefeated 6A State Championship season.

#### CELEBRATING FREEDOM

### HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 1, 2020*

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize composer Richard Fuchs of Coram, New York, and his 1983 composition entitled "Gettysburg." His music, set to the awe-inspiring address given by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, has given new, melodious life to those brilliant two hundred and forty words, reminding modern audiences of the sacred and revolutionary ideals our country strives to embody.

Just as Baltimore shopkeeper Thomas Carr first put Francis Scott-Key's poem, "The Defense of Fort McHenry", to music in 1814, creating "The Star Spangled Banner", Mr. Fuchs found a similar way to preserve the Gettysburg Address. Ever since he first saw the speech engraved on the side of the Lincoln Memorial at 9 years old, he wanted to honor its eternal message in song.

After years of tinkering with melody and meter, Mr. Fuchs finally published "Gettysburg" in 1983, just in time for the 120th anniversary celebration of the Gettysburg Address. Thirty four years after his first visit to the Lincoln Memorial, Mr. Fuchs performed his creation on the monument's steps during this celebration, playing piano alongside his

daughter and their hometown Centereach High School Choir.

Since that first performance, Mr. Fuchs composition has been sung by choirs across the nation, from Tucson, Arizona to the Smithsonian. Over nearly four decades, through his music, Mr. Fuchs has helped preserve President Lincoln's vision for America for an entirely new generation, trying every day to live up to the principles of freedom, happiness, and equality our country's founders spoke of.

In 2013, Mr. Fuchs' composition was performed with one hundred and fifty chorus members at the very place President Lincoln first delivered the Gettysburg Address. Each member of the chorus represented each year since the historic event.

Like President Lincoln's address, Mr. Fuchs' composition is yet another stark reminder of our constant, unfinished work as Americans to ensure liberty and justice for all.

#### HONORING ALANA SMITH SHEPHERD

### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 1, 2020*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alana Smith Shepherd, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. She has lived a life of service, and has devoted her life to healing and helping others.

Alana and her family co-founded the world-renowned Shepherd Center in Atlanta in 1975. Over the years, the Shepherd Center has grown from a six-bed unit to a remarkable 152 bed rehabilitation hospital.

The hospital specializes in medical treatment, research, and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, and other neurological conditions. Thanks to Alana and her family's efforts, they have helped countless individuals get the lifesaving care they need.

In addition to her work with Shepherd Center, Alana has advocated for accessibility to Atlanta's MARTA bus system and the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, which is now one of the country's most accessible airports.

Alana was named one of the most influential people in Atlanta by the Atlanta Business Chronicle in 2014, among many other awards. She has also been a civic leader in her community, including serving as former vice president and current member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta, and the secretary of the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Paralympic Games.

In 1989, Alana was the first woman elected to be a member of the Buckhead Coalition, and in 2003, the first woman elected as chairman of the Coalition.

I am thankful for the impact she has made on the state of Georgia, and I am blessed to know her.

#### RECOGNIZING JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 1, 2020*

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Jacksonville, North Carolina Police Department on being awarded the 2020 Law Enforcement Agency of the Year by the North Carolina Police Executives Association.

These men and women go above and beyond the call of duty to keep our communities safe and our streets clean, while building trust and relationships within the community. The untold sacrifice and unwavering commitment by our law enforcement officials to serve in an increasingly polarized climate, riddled with hate and violence, deserves recognition.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring this distinguished department, their families and community. This is simply an outstanding accomplishment.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DEPUTY DYLAN PICKLE

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 1, 2020*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Deputy Dylan Pickle, who passed away on Sunday, July 26, while conducting a safety checkpoint.

Dylan was born on July 2, 1996, in Amory, Mississippi. At four years old, Dylan knew he wanted to wear a badge. After graduating from Amory High School, Dylan began to make that badge a reality. He pursued a degree in Criminal Justice at Itawamba Community College and joined the Army at only 17.

Joining the Army was only the beginning for Dylan. He earned a medal at Quantico and would later receive three more for his heroism in Syria, where he served as a Specialist, becoming known for his leadership and his care for others. In 2016, Dylan brought his passion for serving home and began working with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department as a patrol deputy.

Outside of his patrol duties, Dylan was a member of the First United Methodist Church. A momma's boy, Dylan always made time for his family, especially his niece and nephews, whom he adored and spoiled whenever he could. Although serving his country was his passion, he also enjoyed going to the shooting range, collecting guns, listening to country music, and of course, socializing with his friends.

Deputy Dylan Pickle's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

Left to cherish his memory is mother, Debi Pearson; sister, Kristin Vuncannon; brother, Drew Pickle; step-sister, Kayla Pearson; as well as many other friends and extended family members.