school, his family, and his community very proud, and I can’t wait to see what he does next. He is the reason why Ohio’s 13th Congressional District is the birthplace of champions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VALDOSTA STATE MEN’S TENNIS TEAM

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Valdosta State men’s tennis team on their recent national championship.

The Blazers tennis team had an impressive season. They finished the year with an overall record of 26-3. In conference play, the team finished 8-1 and were named the Gulf South Conference champions.

At the Division II National Championships Festival in Orlando, Florida, Valdosta State battled for the chance to earn their third national title in school history. After beating Flagler College 4-3 in the final match, the Blazers earned the title of national champions as well as the number one team ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Boruch Skierkier, Rodrigo Carvalho, Takeshi Tako, and Luca Mack also earned Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division II All-American honors.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Head Coach John Hansen and the entire men’s tennis team on an outstanding season and a national championship.

COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

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

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, last week, I traveled with my colleagues to Normandy to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the battle that turned the tide of World War II and led to the defeat of the Nazis.

I met 100-year-old Air Force Tech Sergeant Chuck Richardson from my State of North Carolina, who flew 35 combat missions including on D-Day. He was a real hero.

We saw rows and rows of white crosses and Stars of David marking the graves of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in that terrible battle.

We were reminded of the fragility of democracy and the danger of tyrants who disregard the rule of law.

Today, democracies around the world are under attack and authoritarian regimes are rising.

D-Day proved that brave Americans working together could save the free world.

We must put partisan divides aside and, once again, provide the leadership the world so desperately needs.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSFUL AND IMPACTFUL CAREER OF AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BROOKS KEEL

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the successful and impactful career of Augusta University President Brooks Keel, who is retiring after more than 14 memorable years in the university system of Georgia.

Dr. Keel arrived at Augusta University during a defining moment for the future of the institution in July 2015, and his tenure has been defined by his steadfast leadership and commitment to the success of the university and its students.

As President, Dr. Keel ushered in 8 straight years of enrollment growth and a 46 percent increase in the University’s economic impact on the State of Georgia.

I consider myself blessed to call Dr. Keel a dear friend, and while it saddens us to see this chapter end, I join the community in congratulating him on an extraordinary career and expressing our deepest gratitude for his unwavering dedication.

As Dr. Keel and Tammie embark on a well-deserved retirement, we will continue to follow his example and build on the foundation he established for a brighter future.

In the words of Dr. Keel, go Jags.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

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

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate National Homeownership Month, a time to reflect on the American Dream of owning a home and what it means for the communities of eastern North Carolina.

Homeownership for communities across the country is the cornerstone of stability and prosperity.

From putting down roots to building wealth, owning a home represents a significant milestone in the lives of Americans.

Through homeownership, we build strong communities and provide stability for families, yet we know there are many challenges.

Affordability remains a concern for many hardworking families. Congress has a duty to ensure that the American Dream of owning a home is alive and well no matter what your background or ZIP Code.

We must double down on our efforts to improve access to affordable housing, especially in rural America.

CELEBRATING PAUL WOJAHN ON HIS 103RD BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate Paul Wojahn. Paul is a World War II veteran, beloved New Ulm community member, veteran advocate, neighbor, relative, and friend who will celebrate his 103rd birthday next week on June 19.

Paul grew up on a farm near Comfrey, Minnesota, and when he turned 21, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, answering the call to serve his country like many in his family and like so many in the Greatest Generation.

After completing basic training in San Diego, Paul served aboard the USS Mount Vernon and was stationed in various locations throughout the Pacific theater, including Okinawa.

When he returned home from the war, Paul worked as a farmer and an excavator and went on to serve as a conservation officer for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for 25 years before retiring in 1983.

Today, Paul is actively involved in several veterans’ groups and community organizations. He volunteers with The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and VFW, as well as the Salvation Army and VFW’s Club.

Even at 103 years old, Paul continues to live each day to the fullest and finds time to enjoy the little things like a quiet morning catching crappies.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Paul for the many ways he has made southern Minnesota a better place for all of us to call home. We wish him the happiest of birthdays and many more to come.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF PAMELA RICHARDS

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor one of the Virgin Islands’ very own, the recently departed, Pam Richards.

A dedicated public servant, Pam’s unwavering service to the Virgin Islands and tireless efforts to enhance our culture and heritage leave behind a legacy and an indelible mark on all us. Pam Richards served as Commissioner of Tourism of the Virgin Islands Government, executive director of the 29th legislature of the Virgin Islands, district director of my office, and more recently, she was the interim chief of staff for President David Hall of the University of the Virgin Islands. She served on too many nonprofits and government boards to mention.

Although deeply saddened by her passing, I find comfort in the memories of her: her sarcastic humor, our shared stories of our Virgin Islands ancestors, history, and culture.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Pam, rest well, queen. We will remember her legacy.
RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF JUDGE TIMOTHY H. POGUE
(Mr. FRY asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)
Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
recognize the retirement of Judge Tim-
othy Pogue and his dedication to serv-
ing the people of Florence and Marion
Counties in South Carolina.
Judge Pogue led a career as a distin-
guished and well-respected attorney,
public defender, civil servant judge,
husband, and father. His commitment
to service and those experiencing abuse
and neglect soon earned him a reputation as one of the finest jurists in South Carolina.
His public service was felt throughout
the community and his leadership
made him a role model to many prac-
ticing law.
Mr. Speaker, I thank him for his de-
vout service to South Carolina and to
the bench. We wish him nothing but
the best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NORTH
HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BASE-
BALL TEAM
(Mr. CÁRDENAS asked and was
given permission to address the House for
1 minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)
Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise
today to recognize the North Holly-
wood High School baseball team for
winning their first CIF-Los Angeles
City Division I championship by de-
feating the Banning High Pilots 3-1.
In a competitive and nail-biting
championship game, the Huskies over-
came a 1-1 tie in the top of the eighth
when second baseman Nick Park hit
his second triple of the game and pro-
duced the winning run.
The Huskies started the season los-
ing six of their first seven games, yet
they never gave up. They quickly
turned things around and finished the season with a 20-33 record and earned
the city title.
What is more admirable is they suc-
ceeded without having their own field
to practice or play on all season.
I commend Head Coach Eder Tapia
and assistant coaches Erik Morante
and Daniel Campos for overcoming the
on-and-off-the-field challenges as they
developed remarkable student athletes
and a winning team culture.
We will be rooting for these young,
bright men and wishing them all the
best next season and beyond.

SECURE OUR BORDER NOW
(Mr. MANN asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)
Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, last week
President Biden stated that the border
should not be a political issue to be
weaponized. I agree that Americans
don't have time for games in Wash-
ington, but I think the President should take his own advice.
Since day one of his Presidency,
President Biden has been laser focused
on rolling back President Trump's poli-
cies that were effective in lowering il-
legal immigration. As a result, we have
had nearly 12 million illegal encoun-
ters at our border since January of
2021, with this past April being the 38th
straight month that encounters at the
border have been the highest month under President Trump.
For 3 years, House Republicans have
passed good legislation that would ac-
tually secure the southern border and
have urged President Biden to work
with us on the border crisis, and we
have been met with silence. President
Biden needs to wake up.
Just this week, CBP and the FBI ar-
rested eight men with ISIS ties in New
entered the country through Biden's wide-open border. We can't
keep pretending this is normal. We
need to secure our border now.

CONGRATULATING COLONEL RICH-
ARD GOLDENBERG ON HIS RE-
TIREMENT
(Mr. TONKO asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his re-
marks.)
Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise
today to recognize the exceptional ca-
er of Schenectady resident Colonel
Richard Goldenberg as he retires from
the U.S. Army National Guard after 36
years of distinguished service.
In his 13 years as the public informa-
tion officer for the New York State Di-
vision of Military Affairs, he has been the steadfast voice of more than 20,000 men and women serving in the
New York National Guard, the Naval
Militia, and the New York Guard, where his leadership in commu-
nity relations and strategic informa-
tion support has been vital during
overseas deployments and disaster re-
ponse missions.
Colonel Goldenberg’s impact on our
capital region has extended well be-
Y past his service in the National Guard.
As adjutant of Jewish War Veterans
Post 105 and commander of the Jewish
War Veterans Capital District Council,
he has honored a legacy of service
and brotherhood, presenting the annual
Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award.
Colonel Goldenberg has also been
a cherished partner in our efforts to
honor veterans, joining me in seeing
hundreds of capital region veterans on
Honor Flights to Washington, D.C.
Colonel Goldenberg’s legacy of serv-
ice, leadership, and dedication will con-
tinue to inspire each and every one of
us. I congratulate him on a well-des-
erved retirement and wish him God-
speed.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS
(Ms. HOYLE of Oregon asked and was
given permission to address the House
for 1 minute and to revise and extend
her remarks.)
Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker,
June 16, the Northwest Youth Corps
will celebrate its 40th anniversary. This
program, which is headquartered in
my district, is the largest Youth
Conservation Corps program in the
Northwest. For over four decades, it
has given over 27,000 teenagers and
young adults the opportunity to par-
ticipate in conservation stewardship
in Oregon, Idaho, and Washington State.
These teenagers and young adults
work to improve our lands and waters,
which helps to reduce the potential for
catastrophic wildfires and maintain
our outdoor recreational assets.
The Northwest Youth Corps, which is
well known nationally for its innova-
tion and quality, was recently awarded
$12 million from the Inflation Reduc-
tion and Quality Act to improve urban tron-
copies and make urban forests more re-
silient to climate change across the
Northwest.
I am proud to celebrate the North-
west Youth Corps on their anniversary
and look forward to their continued
contributions in our local communities
and our forests for years to come.

HONORING JUAN JOSE “JOHNNY”
CANALES
(Mr. CASTRO of Texas asked and was
given permission to address the House
for 1 minute and to revise and extend
his remarks.)
Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I
rise to honor Juan Jose “Johnny”
Canales, a legend of Tejano music, who
died on Thursday at the age of 77.
Johnny was a champion for civil
rights, an advocate for veterans, and a
musician in his own right, but he was
best known as the host of the “Johnny
Canales Show,” a bilingual variety
show that ran for decades in the United
States and Latin America.
It helped launch the careers of count-
less Tejano stars, including Selena
Quintanilla, who made one of her live
TV performances on the show in 1985.
To his loyal fans, Johnny was best
known for his catch phrase: “You got
take it away,” the words of encour-
agement he would share with all the
performers who joined him.
Johnny, you will always be remem-
ered, especially among your loyal fans
in south Texas. Johnny, “rest in peace,”
“que descanse en paz.”

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF
1944 CELEBRATES 80TH HIGH
SCHOOL REUNION
(Ms. SALINAS asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend her re-
marks.)
Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise
today to recognize the Salem High

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