

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BARRY R. FEIRSTEIN  
AND HOLLY PEYTON GOOD  
FEIRSTEIN

### HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Barry R. Feirstein and the memory of Holly Peyton Good Feirstein, who both worked to create the 'Pay it Forward' campaign which has positively impacted the lives of those in the autism community by raising over \$97,000 for the Anderson Center for Autism. Barry is also the 2023 recipient of the V.V. Anderson Community Service Award that recognizes his outstanding contributions to helping those living with autism.

Barry is a graduate of Brooklyn College and Harvard Business School. He was a two-term Chairman of Brooklyn College where he worked tirelessly to create the Barry R. Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema, one of the few remaining film schools in a working studio.

Barry spent his career as founder of Feirstein Capital Management where he concentrated his efforts to help others make solid financial investments. He is currently on the Weill Cornell Deans Council and the Board of Autism Speaks. His contributions to local communities in New York, through both the 'Pay it Forward' campaign and the Barry R. Feirstein Graduate School of Cinema, will not be soon forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing Barry R. Feirstein being honored with the 2023 V.V. Anderson Community Service Award. This award is a fitting honor for the profound difference he and Holly Peyton Good Feirstein have made in the lives of those with autism through their 'Pay it Forward' campaign.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF FORT WAYNE POLICE OFFICER  
DAVID TINSLEY

### HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Fort Wayne Police Officer David Tinsley, who five years ago died in the line of duty, and to commemorate the designation of the Officer David Tinsley Memorial Parkway in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Officer Tinsley was known to his colleagues as a committed, professional police officer devoted to the force and to his craft. Across his sixteen years in the Fort Wayne Police Department, he led by example, developing a reputation as a faithful servant to his community, his fellow officers, and his family and loved ones.

The Officer David Tinsley Memorial Parkway will honor its namesake, encompassing a stretch of Fort Wayne's roadway that Officer Tinsley would frequently patrol. It also passes by his home church of Emmanuel Lutheran and serves as a gateway for visitors entering downtown Fort Wayne from the west. I cannot imagine a more fitting tribute.

Each time they travel along the parkway, residents of northeast Indiana will celebrate Officer Tinsley's service and recognize what an indispensable role he played in his community. We will never forget his memory, and the Officer David Tinsley Memorial Parkway will stand as an enduring testament to his valor and service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE  
ACADEMIES DISTRICT OF CO-  
LUMBIA EQUALITY ACT

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I introduce the Service Academies District of Columbia Equality Act, which would give the District of Columbia the same number of appointments and nominations to the U.S. service academies as states. Currently, each Member of the House and each senator is allocated five appointments to each service academy—the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy—and each Member of the House and each senator is allowed 10 nominations for each appointment. Therefore, since D.C. has no senators, D.C. is deprived of 10 appointments and, assuming all appointments are vacant, 10 nominations to each service academy. I am pleased Senator Tim Kaine has introduced the companion bill.

This bill would provide equality for D.C. residents who choose to serve their country by applying to a service academy. It is remarkable that D.C. residents volunteer to serve a country that denies them statehood, congressional voting rights and full home rule. D.C. residents have fought in every American war, and D.C. residents, who pay all federal taxes, including paying more federal taxes per capita than the residents of any state, deserve the same opportunity to attend our prestigious service academies as residents of states.

D.C.'s population (690,000) is larger than that of two states and is in line with the six states that have a population under one million. D.C. servicemembers have helped secure voting rights for people around the world, yet have always been denied those same rights when they returned home. D.C. residents deserve equality at the service academies.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 635.

CELEBRATING ST. PHILIP BENIZI  
CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SMILEY,  
TX 60TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church of Smiley, Texas, on its remarkable 60th anniversary this year. This incredible achievement stands as a powerful testament to the Congregation's unwavering commitment to the faith and the Lord's goodness to His people.

The Church's story is one of God's timeliness, faithfulness, provision. It dates back to February 15, 1963, when Reverend Benton Thurmond wrote a letter to Archbishop Lucey requesting the need for the people to have a place to teach and freely practice their faith. It was decided that two Divine Providence Sister Catechists, working out of Gonzales, Texas, came to Smiley one full day a week to help Father Thurmond's jurisdiction.

At the time, the plans for the St. Philip's Church were going through approval of construction plans and financing—and with any similar project comes financial challenges that often seem insurmountable. Yet, the Lord provided a donation through the Catholic Church Extension Society that summer, and by the Fall of 1963, all plans were approved for the new Church—beginning with a cornerstone donated by Robert Pessek of Hallettsville, Texas.

In the years ahead, the Church became a rock in the community, serving as a place for neighbors to connect, gather, and worship. But more than anything, St. Philip's milestone is a true testament to God's grace toward his people. Today, Father Naveen Thumma continues St. Philip's longstanding tradition of faith and spirit in the parish, leading the congregation into an incredible 60th year of service.

Philippians 4:19 says "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." There is no better example St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, sustained through God's goodness.

On November 10 and 11, the Church will observe its 60th birthday with a celebration, and I want to congratulate them and extend them well wishes on behalf of Texas—27. May God continue to bless them and provide for them in the coming years ahead.

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Mr. Speaker, congratulations to St. Philip's Church on this memorable day. May God continue to bless the Church, their leaders, and the congregation in the present and future.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOTORCITIES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the MotorCities National Heritage Area (MCNHA) on the 25th anniversary of their founding. Their preservation and promotion of our area's unique automotive and labor history is worthy of commendation.

The MCNHA was inspired by the 100th anniversary of the automobile, an invention that shaped not only our state but the entire 20th century. In 1896, Henry Ford test drove his first automobile, the Quadricycle, through the streets of Detroit. Legislation co-sponsored by two Michigan Congressmen, John D. Dingell and Joe Knollenburg, was signed into law in 1998 by President Clinton. This law designated over 10,000 square miles, 260 municipalities and townships, and 1,200 auto and labor related sites as the MotorCities National Heritage Area.

The automotive and labor history of the region begins with Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company, founded in 1903 in Dearborn, MI. Key investors in that company were brothers Horace and John Dodge, who would go on to found their own brand of vehicles in 1914. The moving assembly line that Ford introduced in 1913 at their Highland Park Plant would revolutionize not only industry, but labor as well. Daily wages were more than doubled to \$5, shifts were reduced from 9 to 8 hours long, and the mass production of vehicles allowed automobiles to become much more accessible to the average American. Major international automotive brands, like GM (1908), Chevrolet (1911), and Chrysler (1925), were also founded in the Detroit region at that time. Decades later, car factories were converted to produce bombers in order to help in the Second World War. The factories of this area, like Willow Run in Ypsilanti, were so crucial to the effort that this region came to be known as the "Arsenal of Democracy".

Over the last 25 years, the MCNHA has built an appreciation in both residents and visitors for how the automobile changed Michigan, the nation, and the world. With the vast number of heritage sites across the region, the MCNHA started a grant program to focus on partnerships, connecting organizations and providing resources critical for preservation and promotion. It has directly provided over \$1 million in grants to over 100 organizations to make these preservation, tourism, and educational projects a reality. The MCNHA has also been a boon for the State of Michigan, generating over \$400 million in economic impact annually while supporting over 4,500 quality jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the MCNHA. Our auto and labor industry helped establish and expand the United States as an industrial power and was a driving force

for the creation of the middle class, and we thank the MCNHA for their great work in promoting and preserving our unique legacy. Just last year they were reauthorized for another 15 years, and we are excited to see how they will continue to tell our incredible story. Thank you to MCNHA.

HONORING PASTOR ROGER SPRADLIN, FOUNDER OF THE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, BAKERSFIELD

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the remarkable life of Pastor Roger Spradlin.

Born in Oklahoma in 1955, Pastor Spradlin graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee in 1977. He then enrolled in Criswell College in Dallas, Texas, where he began to formulate his vision to open a grand church in California.

Pastor Spradlin arrived in Bakersfield, California, in the late 1970s, serving as both a pastor and the Baptist Student Union Director at California State University, Bakersfield. During this time, he began demonstrating to our community that he was a man of resilient faith and steadfast compassion. Pastor Spradlin boldly embarked with other local pastors on a mission to create a Bakersfield-area Baptist campus.

Valley Baptist Church was born and grew in size over the next decade to a 2,000-seat auditorium by the late 1990s. Under Pastor Spradlin's leadership and vision, Valley Baptist would incorporate three additional campuses in the Bakersfield area, where services are now conducted in four different languages to meet the needs of our community.

In addition to his work in Bakersfield, Pastor Spradlin proved himself a renowned leader in the California Southern Baptist Convention. Exemplifying the highest standards of moral and spiritual leadership, Pastor Spradlin served as chairman of the trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

While Pastor Spradlin held an impressive list of accomplishments in Southern Baptist Convention leadership, he is remembered most fondly for his lasting, positive impact on countless lives. His sermons underpinned his passion and commitment to the salvation of all those with whom he spoke, balancing truth with the tenderness of grace.

Pastor Spradlin lived a remarkable life as a true pillar of Bakersfield. He cared for those in need with humility and grace, and made a difference in countless lives, including mine. He helped spread the message of God's love not only throughout our community, but around the world. While Pastor Spradlin will be greatly missed, I am certain that his legacy will live on through Valley Baptist Church and the Valley Baptist church family who I know will continue to strive to sustain the vision he brought to our community.

Judy and I offer our sincere condolences to Pastor Spradlin's family—his wife of 46 years, Ginger, their 3 children, Andrew, Matthew, and

Faith, and 10 grandchildren. We will always cherish his friendship, remember the wisdom he imparted on us and our community, and keep his family and all those who attend Valley Baptist in our prayers.

On behalf of the 20th Congressional District of California, I would like to honor the life and legacy of Pastor Roger Spradlin for his dedication to Christ, leading a great congregation, and for being a beacon of compassion and love that the whole Bakersfield community will miss.

RECOGNIZING DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE WITHIN WESTERN NEW YORK: CLARENCE VETERANS DAY CEREMONY 2023

**HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to in honor of Veterans Day, and the service and sacrifice of those brave men and women who dedicated their lives to protecting the United States of America. Western New York has a strong tradition of service, and I speak today to join the Clarence community in recognizing the valor of 16 veterans who have served our Nation proudly.

On November 11, 2023—this Veterans Day—these 16 names will be added to the Clarence Veteran's Memorial Honor Walls. I am honored to include in the Record their names to be remembered forever.

Edward T. Ballow—Army  
Mark A. Callanan—Marine Corps  
Douglas J. Chadwick—Marine Corps  
John C. Gettens—Army  
Jack M. Leo—Air Force  
Vernon A. Miller—Navy  
Donald R. Miller—Army  
Claron R. Miller—Army  
Willis F. Miller—Army  
Christopher L. Odien—Navy  
John W. Patton—Navy  
Albert Rabin, Sr.—Army  
Robert H. Riegle—Army  
Kenneth G. Schroeder, Jr.—Navy  
Donald C. Valone—Air Force  
Donald H. Webster, Jr.—Air Force

On behalf of the constituents of the 23rd District of New York, the United States Congress, and a grateful Nation, please join me in thanking these brave men for their dutiful service to the greatest country on earth.

RECOGNIZING ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL'S JROTC PROGRAM

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Orange High School's Marine Corps Junior ROTC Program and its cadets.

In 1955, Master Gunnery Sergeant James H. Fearn petitioned to establish the first ever Marine Corps JROTC Program in any Orange County High School. His request was repeatedly denied, but the Master Gunnery Sergeant remained committed and traveled to Washington, D.C. to demand a meeting with the

Commandant of the Marine Corps. After speaking with the General a few days later, Master Gunnery Sergeant Fearn returned to Orange County having secured the charter.

Today, Orange High School has one of the largest Marine Corps JROTC Program in the Western United States. The JROTC Program instills in its 162 cadets the values of citizenship, service to others, self-discipline, and personal responsibility.

Personal success after high school is an integral part of this program, exemplified by the James H. Fearn Marine Corps JROTC Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship awards cadets who wish to attend college or pursue a vocational school certification. Last year, 12 cadets received this prestigious award.

As we prepare to celebrate the 248th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps, I am proud to recognize Orange High School's JROTC program and its cadets. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these accomplished students as they grow to become the leaders of tomorrow.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ANDREW S. CLYDE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 638, I mistakenly voted Nay when I intended to vote Yea.

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#### HONORING GOLDEN VALLEY'S COMMITMENT TO OUR NATION'S HEROES

### HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, Sr.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, on this Veterans Day, I rise to recognize the people of Golden Valley, Montana, who are honoring the brave Montanans who served our Nation in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Afghanistan with a new memorial in the community.

The Treasure State has a long history of military service. And Montanans never fail to remember the sacrifice our men and women in uniform have made to preserve and protect the freedoms we cherish.

Golden Valley is no different. I commend the work they have done to build a memorial to allow us all to pay tribute to those who have fought for our country.

It is a privilege to represent the people of Golden Valley in Congress. It is also a privilege to recognize their commitment to honoring our Nation's heroes in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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#### TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all the men and women who

have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and risked their lives to defend our freedoms and way of life and took and lived the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

Our Veterans have borne "true faith and allegiance to the same, an obligation they took freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

Veterans are truly heroes walking among us.

I want to thank all of our armed servicemen and women for their selfless dedication to our protection every day.

Veterans Day is a reminder to all of us who live in freedom that as President Kennedy said, "The price of freedom is high, but Americans have always paid it."

This Veterans Day is a welcome opportunity to remember the fallen who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country on battlefields around the world—in places whose names may be unforgettable—or locations that have slipped into the pages of history.

We will never forget:

Revolutionary War—Valley Forge; York Town;

Civil War—The Battle of Antietam; The Battle of Gettysburg;

World War I—The Battle of Argonne; Flanders Field; Verdun;

World War II—Pearl Harbor; Battle of Bataan; The Battle of Midway; D-Day; Battle of the Bulge; Battle of Anzio; Battle of Corregidor;

Korean War—Inchon; Heart Break Ridge; Pork Chop Hill;

Vietnam—Tet Offensive; Battle of Hue;

Desert Storm—September 11, 2001; Pentagon Attack (125 killed);

Operation Enduring Freedom; Battle of

Kandahar;

Operation Iraqi Freedom; Second Battle of

Fallujah; Operation Allies Refuge; Operation Allies Welcome.

The memory of the fallen is never forgotten. Mr. Speaker, each Veterans Day, Americans come together to remember those who have served our country around the world in the name of freedom and democracy.

The debt that we owe to them is immeasurable.

Their sacrifices, and those of their families, are freedom's foundation.

Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and Coast Guardsmen and women and their families, our country would not live so freely.

I offer my deepest gratitude to our nation's 1.4 million troops and reservists, their families, and the 16.2 million veterans, including 22,809 here in the 18th Congressional District.

16.2 million brave men and women are veterans of our nation's military service.

This includes more than 1.7 million women, 2.7 million African American men and women, 1.32 million Hispanic men and women, 342,000 Asian American Pacific Islanders, and 113,000 American Indians.

Of the veteran population in the country, 1.5 million veterans call Texas their home.

We use Veterans Day to show our veterans and military families how important they are to us and how grateful we are for them each day.

November is National Caregivers Month to show our caregivers how grateful we are for them.

It is only fitting that we thank those caregivers who serve our military today.

5.5 million spouses, parents, children, and other loved ones care for our wounded warriors and 15 percent of caregivers spend 40+ hours a week providing care for our military families.

As a senior member of the House Committee on Judiciary and Homeland Security, I care deeply about our veterans.

In Congress, I have sponsored many legislative proposals and co-sponsored more than 50 pieces of legislation that will positively benefit our veterans and their families.

Including H.R. 232, the Real Justice for Our Veterans Act of 2023, which looks to prioritize veterans court treatment programs, ensuring equal access for women, as well as racial and ethnic minorities who have served.

Additionally, I introduced H.R. 236, which would create a "Battle Buddy Check Week," meant to provide outreach and education, as well as peer wellness checks for Veterans.

On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldiers behind.

As a Nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we will leave no veteran behind.

This day and every day, let us honor their service with actions that fulfill our commitment to our troops, their families, and our veterans—and that are worthy of our grateful Nation.

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#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF LULA MAE PARKER-HARRIS

### HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Lula "Mae" Parker-Harris, a pillar of the Dutchess County community who was beloved by all who knew her. Mae recently passed away on August 27, 2023, at the age of 79.

Mae attended public schools and was educated at Dutchess Community College. She spent her career at various organizations including Dutchess Community Day Care Center, Wassaic Developmental Center, and Astor Head Start.

Mae was known throughout the community for her selflessness and integrity. A devoted member of the Smith Metropolitan AME Zion Church, she was committed to civil activism, social responsibility, and equity and equality in and around her community. Her contributions to Poughkeepsie, NY and Dutchess County will endure for generations to come, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the life of Lula Mae Parker-Harris, a remarkable woman who made a lasting difference in her community.

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#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LEGENDARY COACH BOB KNIGHT

### HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 9, 2023*

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of a legendary Hoosier, Coach Bob Knight, I would like to include

in the RECORD the obituary provided by Indiana University Athletics:

COACH BOB KNIGHT PASSES AWAY AT 83  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

BLOOMINGTON, IND.—Bob Knight, one of the most successful and influential figures in the history of college basketball, passed away on Nov. 1, 2023 surrounded by family and friends. He was 83 years old.

Knight's coaching accomplishments are legendary. He went 902-371 during a 42-year head coaching career that included stops at Army (1966-71), Indiana (1972-2000), and Texas Tech (2002-08). Those 902 wins ranked No. 1 all-time when he retired in 2008, and currently ranks sixth. He was a four-time National Coach of the Year, a five-time Big Ten Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame (1991), the College Basketball Hall of Fame (2006), and the IU Athletics Hall of Fame (2009).

While he enjoyed tremendous success at each of his three head coaching stops, he became a larger-than-life figure in the sport thanks to his accomplishments in Bloomington. Hired by IU at the age of 30 in 1971, he led the program to three NCAA titles (1976, 1981, 1987), five Final Fours (1973, 1976, 1981, 1987, 1992), and 11 Big Ten Regular Season Championships (1973-76, 1980-81, 1983, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993) in his 29 years as head coach. Knight's 1976 team, which went 32-0 on its way to the NCAA title, remains the most recent to go undefeated on its way to an NCAA title. His 1975 and 1976 teams, meanwhile, each went undefeated (18-0) in Big Ten play, and no Big Ten team has gone undefeated in a single season in league play since. Indiana's 37 consecutive Big Ten wins during that period also established a new conference standard that has never been seriously threatened.

Knight's dominance at IU stretched through all three decades that he coached in Bloomington. The 1970s included four Big Ten titles, two Final Fours, and one of the greatest teams in college basketball history with the undefeated 1976 national champions. As great as the 1970s were, the 1980s were even better. College basketball's most successful team during the decade, Knight's teams captured two NCAA titles and five Big Ten championships. In the 1990s, the Hoosiers won two more league crowns, advanced to another Final Four, earned 10 NCAA tournament bids, and four straight Sweet 16 trips.

The 1990s also featured one of Knight's greatest teams to not win an NCAA title, as the 1993 team went 17-1 in the Big Ten, was the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament, and featured four players that would eventually be first-round NBA Draft picks.

In addition to his accomplishments representing Indiana University, Knight also enjoyed similar success on the international level. He assembled and coached arguably the greatest amateur men's basketball team in history, as he led the 1984 U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal in Los Angeles, and guided the U.S. team to the 1979 Pan American Games gold as well.

While his teams excelled on the court, Knight's student-athletes also embodied what it meant to be a student-athlete. During his IU coaching career, 98 percent of his four-year players earned their degrees.

Besides being one of the sport's most successful coaches, Knight was also one of the most innovative. He revolutionized and popularized the 'motion offense,' an offensive style originally credited to one of Knight's mentors, Henry Iba. Unlike traditional 'set' offensive plays, the motion offense relied on player movement, proper spacing, passing, cutting, and screening to create scoring opportunities. It's a style of play that became synonymous with Knight and his IU teams, and it remains very much a staple of many of the game's most successful coaches to this day. Defensively, Knight was equally committed to a single style, as he had a deeply-rooted belief in the merits of the man-to-man defense.

The successes of both styles were enormous throughout his IU tenure, as his Hoosier teams were traditionally one of the Big Ten's most efficient offensively and one of the most difficult to score against defensively. As a result, Indiana won 73.5 percent of its games during Knight's tenure, the best among all Big Ten programs during that period. IU also earned 24 invitations to the NCAA Tournament during his 29 years, going 42-21 (.667) in those games. Overall, 28 of Knight's 29 IU teams earned postseason invitations.

While Knight's system and his unwavering belief in those coaching philosophies were a big part of his success at IU, an even more important component of his success was the abundance of exceptional student-athletes that he attracted to and developed in Bloomington.

In all, Knight coached nine Big Ten MVPs and 27 All-Americans at IU. His first Big Ten MVP was Steve Downing, who earned the honor in 1973 after leading Knight's second Hoosier team to the program's first Big Ten title in six years and its first Final Four trip in 20 seasons. The next to win the award was Scott May, the Big Ten's MVP in both 1975 and 1976 who also became Knight's first National Player of the Year in 1976. Calbert Cheaney became Knight's second National Player of the Year in 1993 after guiding IU to a Big Ten title, an Elite Eight berth, and becoming the Big Ten's all-time leading scorer with 2,613 points, a mark that stands to this day.

The list of Knight's legendary IU players doesn't end there. Far from it. Quinn Buckner was a two-time All-American, a three-time Big Ten champion, an Olympic gold medalist, and a future NBA champion whom Knight often referenced as the greatest leader in program history. Isiah Thomas was a 1981 All-American who guided IU to the NCAA title that same season before going on to a Hall of Fame and championship professional career with the NBA's Detroit Pistons. Steve Alford was a Big Ten MVP and two-time All-American who led the 1987 team to an NCAA title. And current IU coach Mike Woodson was a two-time All-American and 1980 Big Ten MVP who was Knight's first IU player to score 2,000 career points.

Knight was born on Oct. 25, 1940, in Orrville, Ohio. A multi-sport standout at Orrville H.S., Knight played basketball at Ohio State for Hall of Fame Coach Fred Taylor from 1958-62. A key reserve on those Buckeye teams, Knight played alongside future Hall of Famers John Havlicek and Jerry Lucas and helped OSU to the 1960 NCAA title and NCAA runner-up finishes in both 1961 and 1962.

After graduating from Ohio State in 1962, Knight spent one year coaching high school basketball at Cuyahoga Falls (Ohio) H.S. before enlisting in the Army in 1963. While in the Army, Knight accepted an assistant coaching position with the men's basketball team, and two years later was promoted to head coach at the age of 24. He went 102-50 in six years with the program and earned four NIT invitations before IU Athletic Director Bill Orwig announced his hiring as IU's new head coach on March 27, 1971.