

Sergeant O'Hara was frequently recognized for his hard work and sacrifice during his time in the Army. He received accolades including: the Army Commendation Medal of Valor, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, and Senior Aviation Badge. He was a four-time recipient of the Army Achievement Medal and three-time recipient of the National Defense Service Medal.

In addition to being remembered for his honorable service to our Nation, Sergeant O'Hara will always be remembered for his dedication, fearlessness, love for his family, and passion for flight and serving others.

Sergeant O'Hara is survived by his parents, his wife, and his 1-year-old son.

I extend my deepest condolences to Sergeant Ryan O'Hara's family and friends and all of those impacted by this tragic accident.

#### DEBBIE, VA EMPLOYEE

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of one of my constituents, Debbie. Up until 1 week ago, Debbie worked at the Cincinnati VA, responsible for finding and hiring doctors with the skills needed to treat very sick veterans.

Debbie loved her job, she was good at her job, and she went to work every day to serve her community and to help our veterans. A week ago, Debbie received an email telling her she no longer had a job. She wasn't fired because veterans were suddenly cured or because her work was no longer needed. Donald Trump and his unelected tech billionaire, Elon Musk, fired Debbie and slashed services at VA facilities nationwide making it harder for millions of veterans to get the services they need.

It is simply wrong. Our veterans deserve better. Debbie and her family deserve better, and we need Republican Members of Congress who control this body to stand up for our veterans and our public servants and stop this madness.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF JULI SPITZER

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legacy of my friend and a great Wyomingite, Juli Spitzer. Juli never met a stranger, and her life was defined by the love she had for her neighbors and the communities she called home in Sublette and Teton Counties.

From the day Juli moved to Wyoming to attend the University of Wyo-

ming, she embraced the romance of the West. She loved the open range and never tired of participating in the cow-girl life from baking bread to moving cattle. Juli was particularly fond of the natural beauty and wildlife we are blessed with in Wyoming.

Her fondness for the West led Juli to work towards preserving the history and legacy of Wyoming, and Juli and her husband, Hort, were long-time supporters and active members of the Sublette County Historical Society and Jim Bridger League.

Through their shared commitment to telling the history and stories of Wyoming, the Spitzers were influential in the inception and founding of Wyoming's Museum of the Mountain Man, and both Juli and Hort would later serve on the board of directors.

On a personal note, Juli Spitzer was truly one of a kind with a personality as big as all outdoors.

She will be dearly missed by her husband, Hort; her friends; her community; and all who knew her.

We take comfort in knowing that her legacy will be remembered for generations by Wyomingites.

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Black History Month and its 2025 theme, African Americans and Labor.

The economic foundation of north-west Indiana and our Nation is reliant upon the advancement of a strong workforce, and I would like to recognize two dedicated African-American leaders from Indiana's First Congressional District who diligently work to support economic opportunities for everyone.

First, Arvella Greenlaw is a member of the United Steelworkers local 6787 in Portage and serves as the Women of Steel District 7 Coordinator where she consistently organizes community service projects and leads volunteer efforts to support individuals throughout our region.

Secondly, Joree Richards is an IBEW representative and leads efforts through the Indiana Plan, which is a pre-apprenticeship program which provides students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the construction and building trades.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Black History Month and recognizing the invaluable contributions of Arvella Greenlaw, Joree Richards, and countless others who selflessly fight for our labor workforce, safe working conditions, living wages, and economic opportunities for everyone.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE L. CLIFFORD DAVIS

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary life of Judge L. Clifford Davis who passed away February 15 at 100 years old.

Judge Davis was a remarkable man and had been a judge. He was appointed by Governor Mark White back in the eighties to serve as a criminal justice judge.

However, what he will be known and remembered for is that he was the lawyer back in the 1950s who worked to desegregate the Mansfield Independent School District. Before Judge Davis worked on this case, Black children from Mansfield literally were bused on Trailways buses from Mansfield all the way out in the country into Fort Worth every day just so they could get an education.

Judge Davis worked with Thurgood Marshall and other lawyers to make sure that school systems like Mansfield were integrated. It was ugly. They hung effigies up of Judge Davis in the school, and the principal literally let them stay there for weeks just to make a point that they were standing against integration.

His mentorship to so many young lawyers around Tarrant County and the things that he accomplished in his life to help make Tarrant County, Fort Worth, and Mansfield a better place for all will never be forgotten.

#### PUTIN'S MERCILESS WAR

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, Russia invaded the sovereign nation of Ukraine. That is the cold, hard truth of it. Vladimir Putin is the aggressor. I stand here on the floor to say that our President will not rewrite the past.

Putin has mercilessly continued this war for over 3 years now; a war that has led to immeasurable suffering for Ukraine and a shocking death toll of both Ukrainians and Russians. The region is awash in blood because of him.

Now the United States stands with Russia and North Korea against Ukraine and all of our allies in Europe?

It is sick. We are standing with dictators and against our allies. I never thought I would see the day when our President would be a puppet for a dictator.

To my Republican colleagues: Did you ever imagine that you would be in a party that stands on the side of dictators or on the side of a country who has killed journalists, with an authoritarian accused of war crimes, and a man who assassinates his political opponents?

Aren't you embarrassed by what you have become?

It is revolting to watch my colleagues side with Russia because Trump said so.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DOWNING). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.