

Federal employees and their communities, but he is recklessly firing scientists and endangering the health and safety of every American. His actions are dangerous and cruel.

#### CELEBRATING PHILADELPHIA EAGLES SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS NOLAN SMITH, JR., AND DARIUS SLAY, JR.

(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 celebrate Nolan Smith, Jr., and Darius Slay, Jr., the two Super Bowl champions from the Philadelphia Eagles from Georgia's First Congressional District.

Linebacker Nolan Smith's football journey began in Savannah, where he often played football at Daffin Park before joining the team at Calvary Day School.

Cornerback Darius Slay's journey also started in the First District, where he excelled on the football field at Brunswick High School.

Before becoming Super Bowl champions, both men had impressive football careers.

During his senior year at Mississippi State, Mr. Slay led the SEC with five interceptions.

Mr. Smith now joins the elite group of players who have won both a National Championship and a Super Bowl, as he was part of the University of Georgia—go Dawgs—team that won back-to-back National Championships in 2022 and 2023.

Throughout their careers, both men have exhibited an exceptional work ethic and dedication. Mr. Slay and Mr. Smith have worked very hard and played with excellence on the football field, culminating in an impressive victory against the Kansas City Chiefs in the Super Bowl.

District One is proud to be the home of two new Super Bowl champions.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Nolan Smith, Jr., and Darius Slay, Jr., two fine young men, two Super Bowl champions, and two natives of the First Congressional District of Georgia.

#### FIRE BY PRESIDENT TRUMP

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

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the story of two Federal scientists who, in their own words, were fired by President Trump.

I am a biologist and was a postdoctoral researcher at the EPA Office of Research and Development. Most of my research focused on clean water and human health, such as drinking water, recreational water, and efforts to prevent pollution. My research projects included the impact that wildfires have on drinking water quality. My work is not political, and my career should never

have been politicized. This was my dream job.

Another scientist, in their own words, said:

I was a biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey. I conducted wildfire and fuels-related research in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, working closely with park managers to improve the fuel management plan.

Science is the foundation of American leadership and security. These firings must be reversed.

#### ONE BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, the budget resolution passed yesterday sets the stage for President Trump's one big, beautiful bill.

This bill is going to deliver dominant energy policy and border security, stopping human trafficking and the rampant drug flow that is occurring. This bill will continue the tax relief that gave us a great and strong economy. It is also providing savings to the American people by rooting out waste, abuse, and fraud.

Despite this, the media and the left want to malign this resolution, stating, for instance, that Medicaid is going to be reduced. That is absolutely not true. That is a false claim.

Let me say it from the not-so-cheap seats: No Medicaid or Medicare benefits will be reduced.

The only cuts will be to waste, abuse, fraud, and ineligibility in the system if found, which I believe 98 percent of Americans do support.

Look, we are overspending by nearly \$2 trillion a year. Clearly, any business, any company, any family, any government with such a spending problem must make corrections, which is what we are doing and what President Trump said he would do upon being elected.

This resolution will help usher in the golden age in America, and I am very happy to be supportive of it.

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#### FIRE BY PRESIDENT TRUMP

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise as a Ph.D. physicist in Congress, who spent most of his career in the national laboratories of the Department of Energy, to share the story of a research engineer at a national lab who was recently fired without cause by President Trump and Elon Musk.

This engineer's job was:

Co-leading a project developing software for critical mineral and rare earth element extraction, while also playing a lead technical role in computer modeling of desalina-

tion and water treatment processes and supporting U.S. industrial partners to use these tools to deploy and modernize their systems.

Mr. Speaker, our country cannot afford to lose the talent of civic-minded scientists like this.

Moreover, if Donald Trump thinks that he is going to strike a deal with Ukraine on rare earth minerals, then he is going to need real experts in our government on critical mineral extraction. We don't get that by firing them.

#### RAPID RESPONSE SUBGROUP

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

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, President Trump has falsely suggested that Ukraine was responsible for the war with Russia and should have resolved the conflict years ago. This claim is not only unfounded, but it dangerously misrepresents the facts.

Russia is the invading nation, the aggressor, and the perpetrator of war crimes. Louisiana's own Republican Senators agree. Senator KENNEDY went further, calling Russia's dictator, Vladimir Putin, a gangster with a black heart, a figure responsible for unprovoked war and atrocities on a sovereign nation.

It was Russia's invasion that shattered Ukraine's peace, beginning with the invasion and annexation of Crimea in 2014 and through the full-scale invasion that began just over 3 years ago. Russian forces are committing horrific and documented war crimes against Ukrainian soldiers and innocent civilians. Senator CASSIDY called it out for what it was: A war of aggression initiated by Putin, not Ukraine.

Senator KENNEDY also rightly emphasized that negotiating with Russia without Ukraine at the table is problematic. Republicans are saying this. They are speaking up because they recognize that these are lies and that we should stand firm in our support and push back against communism and against the hate of Russia and support Ukraine.

Mr. Speaker, I urge us to do the right thing.

#### AMERICA HONORS ITS FALLEN HEROES

(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 of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to our country.

I had the privilege of sitting down with Kathy Moore, a Gold Star mother whose son, Ryan Russell, was killed on March 5, 2007. Kathy shared her stories about Ryan's service and why she continues to advocate for the Honor and Remember flag. She spoke about his eagerness to serve as a medic despite his initial fear of blood.