

Kathy also shared the thing she missed the most about Ryan: seeing his smile, a simple gesture that brightened her day.

Here was a mother from eastern North Carolina whose child was killed in Iraq by an IED, the most devastating thing that could happen to a parent. Despite her grief, Kathy has become a powerful advocate for the Honor and Remember flag.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to pass this vital legislation and for America to honor and remember our fallen heroes like Ryan.

#### FIRE BY PRESIDENT TRUMP

(Ms. BONAMICI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the story of a Federal scientist in Oregon who was recently fired by Donald Trump and Elon Musk.

In Oregon, we experience seasons with drought and wildfires, and lives depend on accurate research of water sources. Mr. Speaker, 60 to 70 percent of usable water in both Oregon and Washington comes from mountain snowmelt, which is a critical water source in the West. It is vital to farmers, forests, and every community I represent.

The scientist was with the Department of Agriculture's Oregon Snow Survey.

Here is what he said:

My job was to collect tangible data from the snowpack which could be used to determine a community's yearly water budget. I am completely heartbroken to have lost my position with the USDA.

Mr. Speaker, these reckless firings are not just devastating to dedicated scientists who have chosen to work in public service, they also endanger Oregonians and people across the country.

#### FIRE BY PRESIDENT TRUMP

(Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the story of a Maryland scientist and constituent from Maryland who was fired by Elon Musk and the Trump administration. I am honored to share this story on the floor of the U.S. House today.

This person was a general engineer and market analyst for the Department of Energy and, in fact, was responsible for analyzing emergency and emerging technologies and determined their best paths to the commercial market, including increasing energy affordability, reliability, and resilience for the American people nationwide.

These efforts were maximized by working in close partnership with the national labs, other offices within the Department of Energy, and private industry. It was a dream job for this per-

son and one that drove innovation, collaboration, and good-paying jobs for the American people. However, now this invaluable work is gone, and it is being jeopardized.

I am deeply concerned about how these widespread and indiscriminate layoffs could jeopardize our U.S. competitiveness and even our national security.

As a former deputy secretary at a Commerce agency, I well knew the process that was laid out methodically for termination. However, we will face severe setbacks without the support of Federal funding or the institutional knowledge of the subject matter experts leading these efforts.

#### FIRE BY PRESIDENT TRUMP

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the story of a Federal worker, an FAA scientist, who DOGE and the administration fired. This person's job was to create and maintain flight maps that air traffic controllers and pilots could use to navigate airspace. Without these maps, "pilots would quite literally be flying blind."

Yet the Trump administration says they didn't fire anyone at FAA working in critical safety positions. However, it is pretty obvious that the scientists who make the maps pilots use to fly are critical to aviation safety.

Moreover, aviation safety has become a big issue lately, with recent close calls and crashes, including one in my home State of Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, how do we expect Americans to feel safe if we are firing the very scientists who keep us safe?

These cuts aren't going to save much money. These dollars are a drop in the bucket, but they will cost lives.

#### HARMFUL BUDGET

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my profound disappointment in the House budget resolution and the severe potential harm it will cause to those who rely on Medicaid benefits in northwest Indiana.

In Indiana's First Congressional District alone, it is a fact that the overwhelming majority of Medicaid funding goes directly to senior healthcare, individuals with disabilities, children, and senior long-term care.

Indiana is also one of the few trigger States in our Nation, which means that Medicaid benefits will immediately cease for a large percentage of our residents should the Federal proportion of assistance fall below 90 percent.

I am a staunch supporter of creating efficiencies and eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse. However, Mr. Speaker, make no mistake: Should this legis-

lative initiative be finalized, not only will benefits be denied to those in need, but private health insurance costs will skyrocket as hospitals seek to recoup that increased uncompensated care from emergency room visits.

I will continue to speak out against and oppose all legislation that takes real benefits from our seniors, the disabled, and our children to pay for corporate welfare programs.

#### AMERICA'S STANDING IN THE WORLD

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, America once liberated France from the Nazi regime, freed Kuwait from the grip of Saddam Hussein, and defended South Korea against North Korean aggression. However, this apparently is a new MAGA America, siding with the evil aggressor and blaming the victim.

Ronald Reagan called Russia the evil empire, but Donald Trump knows better. George H.W. Bush called Russia part of the axis of evil, but Donald Trump knows better. Our U.S. vote in the U.N. supports the aggressor, Russia; not the victim, an independent Ukraine.

Under President Trump, we are losing our moral standing in world affairs. Our enemies are watching. They are making alliances while we toss aside allies like Canada and Europe to satisfy the inconceivable love this President has for Vladimir Putin.

Putin poisons his critics. That is who our new best friend is.

I am new to this Chamber, but hear me, Mr. Speaker: Consequences will be tragic for those who love freedom worldwide if we don't return to true American foundational principles: freedom and democracy.

#### FIRE BY PRESIDENT TRUMP

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the story of a Federal scientist who was fired by President Trump and Elon Musk.

In the employee's own words:

I was the quality manager for an FDA human and animal food laboratory which tests foods for allergens, pesticides, colors, and food additives, and microbial pathogens such as E. coli and listeria. I was directly responsible for ensuring that laboratory practices adhered to proper requirements. Third-party lab accreditation provides confidence to the public that testing is performed properly and results are trustworthy.

Science, expertise, dedication, skill, and safety is what we lose with these cruel and senseless firings.

They do not, as DOGE claims, boost efficiency. They remove the experts who keep our communities safe. Without these public servants, our health