

sport when they were about 9 years old. They all trained together, and as time went on, they ended up loving the sport as much as their dad.

This year, the boys decided to compete for the first time in the Southern Powerlifting Federation championship, and they blew the competition out of the water. Both boys won their divisions, and Ari set a world record—a world record, Mr. Speaker—for his age and weight class by lifting a total of 1,660 pounds between his deadlift, bench, and squat.

It is very cool to me to have a world record holder who goes to school in my district, but it is even cooler to hear how the shared love of powerlifting bonded this father and his sons in a very unique way.

Ari and Ethan didn't grow up as bickering brothers as most do. They grew up as training partners. They supported each other, kept each other safe, and pushed each other to keep pursuing their goals.

Unfortunately, Ari tore his ACL and won't be able to compete in the squat or deadlift this year, but he isn't letting that fact get him down. He still plans to compete in the bench press competition, and he credits his perseverance to his brother's constant inspiration. Ari isn't giving up on his dream of competing in the USA Powerlifting competition.

I have a teenage daughter, Isabelle, and she is also an athlete. She does horseback riding competitions. She is a barrel racer, and she is pretty good at it. I know exactly how awesome it is to be a dad who is incredibly proud of their kids' accomplishments.

We all want our kids to do well in life. To see them push themselves and exceed everyone's expectations is a feeling like no other.

Scott, Ari, and Ethan are prime examples of what we can accomplish when we set goals and work hard every day to achieve them.

Mr. Speaker, I take just a moment to recognize their accomplishments.

UKRAINE TRIP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the world has changed—socially, economically, and the political landscape. Putin's war has killed thousands of Ukrainians, innocent citizens, and displaced millions who have struggled to get food and resources in this region.

Last April, I spoke on the floor after the attacks in Bucha, which I visited, and labeled President Putin for what he is, a war criminal. As Russia continues this unprovoked attack on Ukraine, we must continue to stand strong and united against him.

I traveled to Kyiv, Ukraine's capital city, as a part of the Yalta European Strategy Conference recently.

As one of the only Members of Congress to have actually stayed over-

night, spent a couple of days, I witnessed the 24-hour cycle of the capital city finding energy once again, revitalizing itself through its day-to-day routines.

I saw parts of the city where Russia's tanks entered the suburbs and killed innocent civilians, as well as children, destroying homes, apartments and schools, mass graves with over 166 individuals. Even through this tragedy, Ukraine has remained resilient, and Kyiv returns to life.

I felt relatively safe as I walked the streets in the central city. Looking back to where the city was 6 months ago is a reminder to me of how precious all of our freedoms are. As I met Ukrainians across the capital, it was inspiring to see their hope that better days are coming, and that Ukraine will prevail.

During my visit, we met with NATO allies and many of the panel sessions that we had focused on how we will continue our support for Ukraine amidst Russia's brutal war that was unprovoked.

Critically, we discussed matters related to Ukraine's defense, its economy and recovery plans, and humanitarian aid as it continues to prevail from Russia's countless attacks.

Strong economic security is critical to rebuilding Ukraine and preserving its sovereignty. That is what we must do after the war. We saw Ukrainian Armed Forces execute one of the most pivotable 48-hour counteroffensives during the past 6 months, and it continues.

The liberation of Izium and territory to the north in Kharkiv is one of the countless displays of bravery and sacrifice that have come to define Ukraine's fight.

Ukraine is putting up a stronger fight than Russia was anticipating; through strength, unity, and love of country, Ukraine will prevail.

Today, we heard that Putin is enlarging his forces by 300,000 and is inferring that everything is on the table. We must call his bluff.

Congress and President Biden have provided significant support to Ukraine since the beginning of the war, and it has made a difference on a bipartisan basis, and we must continue that when we pass the continuing resolution later in the next week.

Ukraine has been able to strengthen its defense systems, bolster its refugee services, and tackle food insecurity. Millions of tons of grain have come out of Odessa through the agreement that was reached through Turkey and the U.N. However, challenges remain, and the war has not yet been won.

We, the United States with our NATO allies, must continue to unite against Vladimir Putin and provide Ukraine with the tools to defend itself and to protect its sovereignty from this brutal invasion.

As we craft the upcoming continuing resolution, we must continue additional funding.

This is a pivotal moment in our history. Our actions today will determine the future of the 21st century.

The world has changed in the last 8 months. Future generations will look back in history and judge us if we made more good decisions than poor decisions to preserve their rights and their liberties.

We must not let Putin win. Democracy must prevail. This is the test of our time and our generation among our NATO allies and here in America to stand up for liberty and democracy.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California has 30 seconds remaining.

AZERBAIJAN'S ATTACK ON ARMENIA

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I also rise today to condemn Azerbaijan's attack on Armenia.

Nearly 204 Armenian troops are confirmed killed or missing. It was an attack on a sovereign territory.

Speaker PELOSI's visit to Armenia is a symbol of the United States' commitment to a peaceful, prosperous Armenia that is setting up its own democratic nation. That is why I am pushing to include demining assistance and other aid for Armenia and Artsakh in the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Mr. Speaker, we must stand with the people of Armenia for all the right reasons.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 56 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. HAYES) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

With the psalmist, let us pray.

You, O Lord, are our strength, we watch for You. You, O God, are our fortress on whom we can rely.

God, go before the men and women of Ukraine and be the shield and defense of their country against their aggressors. In Your might uproot their enemies and bring them down.

For the sins of their mouths, for the words of their lips, let those who would slander Ukraine, let them be caught in their pride. For the curses and lies they utter, consume them in Your wrath.

Deliver Ukraine, O God. Save its people from those who conspire against them for no offense or sin of their own.

Arise to help the Ukrainians. Look on their plight. We appeal to You, O Lord Almighty, the ruler of all nations. In Your sovereign name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the Chamber her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. WILD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. WILD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PERIPHERAL ARTERY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate September as Peripheral Artery Disease, or PAD, Awareness Month.

PAD is a disease of the arteries that can cause blockages in the arms and legs, and it could lead to limb amputations. There are more than 160,000 PAD patients who lose limbs to this disease every year. African Americans are three times more likely to have a limb amputated than other Americans. That is because these patients are less likely to receive proper screenings and treatment for PAD.

That is why I created the Congressional PAD Caucus and serve as its co-chairman. I wanted to create awareness of this disease in Congress so we can provide resources for better screenings and treatments. Once we do that, we can save limbs and lives every year.

BREW ACROSS AMERICA COMPETITION

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, in June, I was hon-

ored to kick off the fifth annual Brew Across America competition hosted by Anheuser-Busch.

Brew Across America brings together Members from both sides of the aisle through a friendly competition to brew their own varieties in partnership with a bipartisan buddy.

My partner and I, fellow Agriculture Committee member, Congressman SALUD CARBAJAL, may not see eye to eye on every policy issue, but we can both agree to set aside our differences over a good beer.

I invite all of my colleagues to join us, our competitors, and the Anheuser-Busch team tonight at Nationals Stadium to sample each of the bipartisan brews and help us crown a winner.

One of the awards is a People's Choice award. To participate, individuals can text the name of their favorite beer to 202-980-4023 until 7 p.m. eastern time tonight.

The smooth functioning of democracy so often relies on finding common ground to solve the toughest challenges, and we all know the process of finding common ground demands mutual respect.

Beer and agriculture—since it is a great agro product—go hand in hand, and as Republican leader of the House Agriculture Committee, I remind us all to thank a farmer the next time you crack open a cold one.

UTILITIES AS A HUMAN RIGHT

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Resolution Recognizing the Human Rights to Utilities.

I read an article about a couple in their seventies in Detroit who had to melt snow in a bucket in front of their home so they can flush their toilet. That is when I knew when I came to the United States Congress, I had to introduce water as a human rights act.

Millions of our neighbors across our country right now struggle with utility insecurity, fear of shutoffs, and are subject to inhumane living conditions.

I proudly stand with Representatives BUSH and BOWMAN and other colleagues in the House in changing the conversation around what we all deserve.

The resolution ensures that everyone has access to water, sanitation, electricity, heating and cooling, public transit, and broadband communications all as a basic human right.

It is past time that we take the profit motive out of providing the basics of a good life for many of our neighbors who continue again to struggle. I appreciate everyone that is working on this issue and the advocates out there that know that this is important to our country.

HONORING DICK SCHOFIELD

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Springfield's own Dick Schofield. Dick passed away recently at age 87. He was the grandfather of my good friend Jayson Werth.

Schofield was an accomplished baseball star, spending 19 seasons in the major leagues with seven organizations. Schofield's baseball career began at Springfield High School. Just weeks after graduating, he reported to the St. Louis Cardinals. In 1960, he became a World Series champion as a pivotal member of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Dick is one of four generations in his family to play professional baseball. He followed in his father Ducky's footsteps, and both his son Dick, and grandson Jayson, had long and successful careers in MLB as well.

Though Schofield had opportunities to stay in the league as a coach, he chose to return to his hometown of Springfield to treasure his time with his loving wife, Donna, and their three children: Kim, Dick, and Tami. Schofield proudly represented his community as an accomplished salesman and 20-year board member of the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition Authority.

As a grandfather to eight and great-grandfather to five, Dick was a true family man that cherished the time spent with all of them. I send my deepest condolences to my friend Jayson and the entire Schofield family.

Dick, may you rest in peace.

COUNTERING UNTRUSTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS ABROAD

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, the Countering Untrusted Telecommunications Abroad Act, which passed the House yesterday. I thank my colleague and friend from the other side of the aisle, Representative ANN WAGNER of Missouri, for co-leading this legislation. This bill is proof that when it comes to national and economic security challenges, we can find common ground.

The purpose of the bill is simple: to investigate and respond to vulnerabilities caused by Chinese telecommunications companies in U.S. embassies overseas and among our close allies. For too long, the world has stood by as Chinese telecoms giants have operated as vehicles for the Chinese Communist Party to commit horrific human rights violations against the Uyghur people, conduct mass surveillance and espionage, and supply technology to other repressive regimes around the world.

Securing these networks is imperative when it comes to national security and human rights, as well as for our economic security. This legislation will help us to ensure that the