

seniors who could lose food assistance because of this bill.

My colleagues must make a choice: your Speaker or your seniors.

Because everything in D.C. is filled with jargon, I want to pause for a moment to make sure we all understand who the Speaker's bill is targeting.

The people the Speaker is targeting are seniors in their fifties who don't even have \$6 a day for food. That is all SNAP pays, \$6 a day for food, but the Speaker's bill would deny even that paltry aid to hundreds of thousands of our constituents.

Soon, those on the other side of the aisle must decide who matters more to them, your Speaker or your seniors.

Make no mistake: This isn't about getting people to work. If you worked twice what was required, a full 40-hour week at minimum wage, which, frankly, is most of what is on the table for these seniors, you would still be on SNAP.

The only way the Speaker's bill saves money, which he does say, is if people have their benefits stripped away, if seniors go hungry.

Each of my colleagues must ask who matters more, your Speaker or your seniors?

The Speaker's bill will kick seniors off SNAP rolls. Many seniors can't find a job at all because they face age discrimination. There is a reason that current law exempts those over 49. To expect them to have the same odds of finding a job as a young recipient is callous and cruel.

Ask yourselves, who did you come to Congress to serve, your Speaker or your seniors?

Even though the bill is only supposed to apply to able-bodied adults without dependents, that claim is laughable.

Many of our constituents in their fifties are grandparents. They have childcare responsibilities even if the child isn't their dependent. Requiring them to neglect their grandchild or else go hungry is cruel and heartless.

I hope my colleagues ask themselves who they came to Congress to serve, your Speaker or your seniors, because so many seniors will go hungry if the Speaker's bill becomes law.

As the pandemic SNAP policies are ending, State agencies are responsible for updating participants' information so those eligible for assistance don't go hungry, but in many States, no outreach or only perfunctory outreach was performed.

My concern is that if the Speaker's bill becomes law, tens of thousands of seniors who think they aren't subject to these reporting requirements will suddenly find themselves without benefits. If for any reason these seniors are denied benefits under the Speaker's bill, they will be ineligible for food assistance for the next 3 years.

When we vote on this bill, we will be voting on a very simple question: support your Speaker or support your seniors.

The burden lies with each of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. It

is within your range, your power, to protect our seniors.

Right now, the Speaker stands alone with a deeply unpopular proposal. Each of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle is asked to starve our seniors. If that is the policy of this House, that responsibility will be entirely on your shoulders.

The choice is now yours. Quite simply, each Republican must answer the question: Who do you fight for, your Speaker or your seniors?

RECOGNIZING AARON WARNER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aaron Warner, CEO of ProCircular Inc., in Coralville, Iowa, who was named Iowa's 2023 Small Business Person of the Year.

Mr. Warner founded ProCircular in 2016 with the goal of being a dedicated cybersecurity and compliance firm, offering analysis, testing, governance, risk management, and compliance services. In the company's first year, its revenue grew over 200 percent and has continued to grow steadily year over year. The company now has 69 full-time staff and 19 interns.

In addition to running a booming small business, Mr. Warner is also heavily involved in his community. He volunteers with a number of different organizations, including the Technology Association of Iowa, the Iowa City Area Development Group, Junior Achievement, Rotary International, and the March of Dimes. He and his wife also started a trust to provide scholarships to students in need.

Mr. Warner is truly a pillar of his community and very deserving of this honor. I look forward to seeing what the future holds as his business and activism in southeast Iowa continue to grow.

RECOGNIZING POLICE CANINE KILO

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize police canine Kilo, of the Indianola Police Department, for assisting in a drug bust during his first week of being on patrol with his handler, Officer Treyton Nixon.

As the newest member of the Indianola Police Department, Kilo made an immediate impact by helping find over 7 grams of methamphetamine during a traffic stop.

A canine's keen sense of smell helps them to detect items that a human officer might miss, especially drugs and bombs. In a time when record levels of illicit narcotics are pouring in through our southern border and killing American citizens, poisoning them with synthetic fentanyl, it is increasingly important that police departments utilize every resource available to keep their communities safe.

I hope Kilo sets the example and proves the need for canine units across

our police forces, including at the border. If one canine officer could handle this drug bust in Indianola, imagine what a full squad could accomplish at our ports of entry.

Thank you, Kilo, for your service to the city of Indianola. We wish him and the rest of the Indianola Police Department the very best in the future.

MONITORING MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOODING

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss major flooding in seven counties in southeast Iowa along the Mississippi River.

I appreciate Governor Reynolds' efforts to protect these communities, and I encourage residents in these areas to stay cautious.

Each year, as snow north of Iowa melts, it floods the communities along the Mississippi River in Iowa. While these floods can be devastating, we are lucky to be able to predict the severity of floods each year.

In Davenport, crews have been working 24-hour shifts at pump stations for over a week to protect their 9 miles of the riverfront.

As we continue to monitor the flooding, I remain grateful for the close eye of the Governor's office, disaster resources, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers' efforts to ensure pumps are working flawlessly.

I also appreciate the University of Iowa Flood Center to be able to monitor and sense rising waters.

My office remains open as a resource if southeast Iowans are in need of assistance. Together, we can again power through this flooding season.

I want to take a moment to wish a very happy birthday to my sister, Mariette Stanson.

Happy birthday, Mariette.

RECOGNIZING THREE HEROES OF GUAM

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I will take some time this morning to recognize three heroes of Guam who are celebrating milestone birthdays this month.

First, there is Mr. Troy Moylan, who is an icon within the business community of Guam. A proud son, husband, father, brother, and family man, Troy continues a tradition of the insurance industry, which is synonymous with the Moylan name in Guam and within the Pacific region.

A healthcare czar who has advanced the medical insurance industry in Guam, ensuring greater care for women and children and expanding services to regions with indigent communities, he has helped grow Guam's economy by creating jobs and increasing investments. His generosity to the people of Guam has been evident in many great causes and organizations.

Troy is a great conservative, a decent man, and a proud fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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Secondly, I recognize Daniel and David Taitano, also known as the Dinga's. Just to place it on the record, the term "dinga" refers to twins. These two heroes have served the people of Guam in the capacities of firefighter and customs officer.

Daniel is a longtime firefighter in Guam and has placed himself in harm's way to protect his community. From battling wildfires to reassuring individuals in unsafe conditions to delivering kids in ambulances as an EMT, this hero is an icon in Guam.

Daniel is famous for ensuring that his brothers and sisters in the fire stations are well fed, as he is a renowned cook. Daniel is also a decent man, a proud son, a good sibling, and certainly a favorite uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. He is also a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

His brother David has been protecting Guam's community and our borders as a lieutenant in the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency for many years. His efforts have resulted in the interception of drugs and other contraband entering the island, and he has worked diligently to protect Guam's economy through the seizure of counterfeit goods.

David has placed himself in harm's way too many times, but he has always stated that it was for the betterment of his community and his island. He is also a decent man, a proud son, a good sibling, and another favorite uncle. This fan of the Dallas Cowboys continues to strive to protect our island.

From these historic and sacred Halls of democracy, and on behalf of a thankful Nation and the island of Guam, I thank Troy, Daniel, and David for their service to our community and wish them a happy birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE PFC JOSEPH P. DWYER PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. LALOTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to a critical veterans program that has been helping veterans in my district for years. The PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program is a program that helps veterans deal with the invisible scars of war, including PTSD.

This program was named after Iraq war veteran Army Private First Class Joseph Dwyer, a native of Mount Sinai, New York. After years of struggling with PTSD and addiction, PFC Dwyer passed away. He tried to seek help, but it was never enough.

As a Navy veteran myself, I understand the difficulties many of our servicemembers face when they return home.

I recently introduced the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act to help nationalize an important program that has been incredibly successful in

my district. This program has a proven track record of success in helping veterans deal with their mental health issues in a safe and welcoming environment among their fellow veterans.

My bipartisan bill would provide grants for State and local entities across the country to make the program easily accessible to all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this commonsense bill to help our veteran community.

CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF KAI LI

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on the Chinese Communist Party to release Kai Li of Huntington Station, who has been unjustly held as a prisoner by the CCP since 2016.

Mr. Li immigrated to the United States from China decades ago and soon after became a United States citizen.

For years, Mr. Li visited China to see relatives and conduct business, never having an issue. Yet, in 2016, while Mr. Li was visiting Shanghai for the anniversary of his mother's passing, he was apprehended by Chinese police at the Shanghai airport. Mr. Li's secret trial ended in just an hour, and he was sentenced to 10 years in prison for espionage.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Li is being detained unjustly and for purely political reasons.

On March 17, I sent a letter to Secretary Blinken urging him to do everything possible to bring Mr. Li home. I again urge President Biden, Secretary Blinken, and Ambassador Burns to bring Kai Li home. He and his family have suffered long enough. Let's bring him home.

THE THREAT OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the growing threat coming from the Chinese Communist Party.

For too long, the Chinese Communist Party has been allowed to grow and spread its influence throughout the world. They have encroached on Taiwan's territorial sovereignty. They have developed in and around the Paracel and Spratly Islands, continuing to falsely claim their control over the South China Sea. They have supercharged the Belt and Road Initiative to spread their influence. They continue to lie to the world about COVID-19. The list goes on, Mr. Speaker.

Every day, we read stories of the CCP's attempt to become the dominant power in the Indo-Pacific and around the world.

Mr. Speaker, we must act in a bipartisan manner to address the threats from the Chinese Communist Party before it is too late.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SERGEANT NEIL HORN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from

Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Sergeant Neil Horn, who dedicated 8 years of his life to service of his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Sergeant Horn spent most of his career in the U.S. Marines traveling the world as a security guard to defend the U.S. embassies where he was stationed.

In 2002, Neil served in antiterrorism capacities in North Africa, and part of his job was to train marines in door-to-door combat and enhanced marksmanship. He was also an instructor for combat water survival.

Sergeant Horn spent 14 years working in diplomatic security for the State Department, where he was engaged in a wide array of investigations, including human trafficking, terrorism, counterintelligence, the location and return of U.S. fugitives, large scale visa fraud, and passport and identity fraud. Most notably, Sergeant Horn played an integral part in reestablishing the United States Embassy in Cuba.

His country is forever grateful for the sacrifice that he and his family have made for this great Nation. May he rest in eternal peace.

CONGRATULATING AVA LOWMAN

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ava Lowman of Cambridge-Isanti High School for being selected as a 2023 Triple A Award State scholarship recipient.

This prestigious award, established in 1988, highlights high school seniors across the State of Minnesota for their hard work and dedication to their academics, art programs, and athletic endeavors.

Ava has earned an impressive GPA of 4.36 while participating in the band and choir, being the speech team captain, and a member of the tennis and track and field teams.

Additionally, Ava is considered a leader in her school's Link Crew program, where she and other students assist ninth graders with the transition into high school.

Ava plans on going to college while continuing to participate in tennis, speech, and music.

It is with great honor that I recognize Ava's achievements thus far, and it makes me proud to have such a distinguished young lady represent the great Eighth District of Minnesota.

I congratulate her and wish her good luck in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CAROL ALSTROM

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Carol Alstrom, who dedicated 34 years of her life to teaching our youth.

Carol received her teaching degree in physical education and health from Bemidji State University where she competed in track, volleyball, softball, and hockey and was inducted into BSU's Athletic Hall of Fame.

She was known for her larger-than-life personality and her generous and