

As the JCRC's executive director, Judy adroitly mobilized and engaged Miami's Jewish community on many levels. She led our citizen activists in building relationships with Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle, was pivotal in the pro-Israel movement here at home, and successfully advocated for the national agenda supported by the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

On a personal note, we worked closely together to address a multitude of issues facing our community, from the scourge of anti-Semitism to ensuring we maintain our strong U.S.-Israel relationship.

Shortly after I was first elected to Congress, under Judy's leadership role at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, she approached me with the idea to sponsor legislation that would create a month during which we honor the contributions American Jews have made to the fabric of our Nation.

I introduced a resolution, and since 2006 our Nation has celebrated Jewish American Heritage Month each May to educate Americans about the contributions Jewish Americans have made and continue to make to our country, helping to reduce hate, anti-Semitism, and bigotry.

Judy's commitment to Miami's Jewish community and the State of Israel was exemplary, and I will miss her guidance and wisdom.

My heart is with her family in mourning the loss of this kind, generous, and compassionate soul. We were forever privileged to have shared this time with Judy. May her memory be for a blessing.

FARM BILL LISTENING TOUR ACROSS NEW YORK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I recently traveled across New York's beautiful and sprawling 24th District as part of my official 2023 farm bill listening tour. Our district is among the largest agricultural and dairy districts in the northeast and the largest apple growing district outside of Washington State.

I hosted several open-door roundtables in every part of the district to hear directly from farmers and producers about their concerns for our region's agricultural community. Ahead of our consideration of the farm bill later this year, feedback from farmers and producers is vitally important.

The farm bill reauthorization is always critical for communities like mine, but this year it is more important than ever. Our farmers are struggling, and they need advocates in Congress who will stand with them. In New York this is especially true, as a raft of new State laws and regulations from Albany are imposing unprecedented and costly burdens on rural communities.

Our farmers are counting on Congress to get this year's farm bill done and get it done right.

First of all, based on what I gleaned from my listening sessions, the following requests have been voiced:

Do not make any cuts to the farm bill programs that are pivotal to the vitality of the northeast agricultural community;

Next, reform the national crop insurance program to cover a wider range of items and better fit the needs of specialty crop farmers, including maple syrup, which is unique to the Northeast;

Support funding for the specialty crop block grant program as well as research and monitoring of invasive species that we have been experiencing in New York; and

Raise the 5-million-pound dairy margin tier 1 limit to reflect the consolidation that has occurred in the industry.

On a personal note, I plead and I beg of the farm bill appropriators and drafters, please don't ban chocolate milk in schools. It was a lifeline for me and my family. Even the one and only Elon Musk has recognized the value in chocolate milk.

Mr. Speaker, these were the requests that were echoed by farmers across the 24th District, and they are the priorities I am fighting for in Congress. I thank Chairman G.T. THOMPSON for his continued leadership as chair of the House Agriculture Committee and look forward to working with him in advancing these priorities.

I will continue to advocate for solutions that support our agricultural producers in New York and across the country. Members of this body must realize, without productive farmers, we have no food and we will not achieve prosperity. We must put aside partisan politics and come together to make this year's farm bill a path to growth in all of our agricultural economies.

REMEMBERING LIVES LOST IN CHARLOTTE FIRE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JACKSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week there was an enormous fire in Charlotte. An apartment building that was under construction caught fire. Within an hour, it became a five-alarm fire.

Ninety firefighters from the Charlotte Fire Department responded. They were able to heroically rescue 15 construction workers, including one from on top of a crane. Tragically, two construction workers were not able to be rescued, and they died: Reuben Holmes and Demonte Sherrill.

Reuben was loved by his family. He was set to have lunch with his sister on Saturday, and they just can't believe what happened.

Demonte was a father of four. Obviously, this is a tragedy that will re-

shape their families' lives but also a big part of our community.

We honor the first responders who sprang into action and did everything they possibly could under extraordinary circumstances, a fire that burned at a temperature of 2,000 degrees.

We call upon the members of our broader Charlotte community to do everything that they can for these families that have suffered truly unimaginable loss.

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 37 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 at noon.

PRAYER

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

May the peace of God, which transcends all our understanding guard our hearts and minds this day. For if You, O Lord, guard our thoughts, how can we think of anything but of that which is derived from Your truth? So may our hearts also reflect Your integrity.

If You guard our thoughts, almighty God, how can we think of doing anything except that which is noble and right and pure? So also may our hearts reveal Your nobleness, Your righteousness, and Your perfection.

If You, O Lord, guard our hearts, how can we avoid living lives that show forth Your merciful love? So may we direct our minds to live in light of Your compassion and kindness.

If You, holy God, guard our hearts, how can we resist living lives that are worthy of Your admiration and Your praise? So may we lead our minds to discover Your more excellent way.

We may not understand how or even why You are calling us to participate in the peace You desire for this world, for this Nation, or for this place. But may we dedicate our hearts and our minds to Your keeping, that Your love, kindness, and truth would, in Your mercy, be revealed through us.

We pray in the name of the one who has shown us what is good, acceptable, and perfect.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio 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

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

COMMEMORATING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, as we continue to commemorate Mental Health Awareness Month, I recognize an organization in Guam, which started in October of 2021 and has continued to advocate for mental health and suicide prevention.

TU;MA is a woman-owned small business, and I am honored to recognize the founder, Mrs. Jesrae Moylan, who is here with us today in the Halls of Congress.

It was founded through the challenges faced when Jesrae's younger brother, Ray, took his life in 2017. TU;MA was a nickname provided to Ray by Jesrae's son, Apollo.

A name which had no meaning then has a significant presence today with the island community. TU;MA focuses on shifting the stigma surrounding mental health and normalizing such conversations through the sharing of stories and connections assisting in the healing process.

On behalf of a thankful Nation and island, I commend Mrs. Jesrae Moylan and team TU;MA for their selfless efforts in helping others and reminding them to always choose themselves.

NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, May marks National Preservation Month. This year's theme is "People Saving Places."

This Congress can do that by supporting the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act. This bipartisan bill, which I introduced with Congressmen LAHOOD and BLUMENAUER, builds on the success and lasting benefits of the Federal historic tax program.

Over the last two decades, my western New York community has seen

over \$1.2 billion of investments in more than 250 rehab projects made possible thanks to historic tax credits.

Across the Nation, historic tax credits have driven \$122 billion in private investment and supported millions of jobs.

By restoring and expanding the historic tax credit program through the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act, we give the country an opportunity to rebuild stronger and communities the tools to invest in the revitalization of their neighborhoods.

RECOGNIZING MARISA VICERE

(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, I rise today to recognize Centre County's own Marisa Vicere who was named the Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor of the Year, an award that she received for her efforts to support mental health and well-being in her home State of Pennsylvania.

Each May, we observe Mental Health Awareness Month to acknowledge the mental health challenges faced by millions of Americans.

For Marisa, every day is committed to mental health awareness and support. In 2012, Marisa founded the Jana Marie Foundation and has "devoted its energy to opening minds and saving lives through educational programming and community mobilization to empower young people in the Centre County region."

Marisa started the foundation after her sister, Jana Marie Vicere, tragically lost her life in a battle against depression at the young age of 30.

Marisa honors her memory by continuing her sister's commitment to helping others and through creative expression in the arts.

In addition to her national award, she will soon be inducted as one of this year's outstanding State College alumni.

I commend Marisa Vicere for winning the 2023 Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor of the Year and for her selfless service to the Centre County community through the Jana Marie Foundation.

ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE CARE

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, our Supreme Court is a symbol of corrupt and cruel judicial politics.

Clarence Thomas is the poster child for the Supreme Court, the only Federal court with no ethical standards at all, let alone, enforce them.

They empower extremists who would deny vital lifesaving care in their zeal to enforce their vision on the limits of women's health.

It is not just about their opposition to abortion. They are forcing women to be pregnant, regardless of the consequences to real people.

The harms are not theoretical as illustrated in today's Washington Post editorial. Real women and their families suffer serious injury being denied care they need.

I am proud I come from one of the few States that has no limitations on families' access to reproductive healthcare, the most personal of decisions.

Change is coming, make no mistake, as more and more recognize the impact of this cruel interference in the most personal of decisions.

Despite hopelessly gerrymandered State legislatures, the people ultimately will win.

CELEBRATING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORT WORTH ROTARY CLUB

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rotary Club of Fort Worth, Texas, on their 110th anniversary.

Since their first meeting in June of 1913, the Rotary Club has supported the community in many ways and has enriched the lives of people in the Fort Worth area.

Rotary was founded as a service club for community members from diverse backgrounds to come together to make positive changes in their communities.

Whether it is scholarships to local schools, supporting nonprofits, or providing education and water to impoverished countries around the world, the Rotary Club of Fort Worth has always put service above self.

As a long-time Rotarian and member of this club in Fort Worth, as my father was—Jack Williams—I am proud to congratulate the Rotary Club of Fort Worth for their significant milestone.

I am confident they will continue their exceptional service to the community for the next hundred years. If the Four-Way Test was observed more today, the world would be a better place.

In God We Trust.

WORK REQUIREMENTS

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I keep hearing from my Republican friends about work requirements, work requirements, work requirements.

Speaker MCCARTHY said—get this—people are getting paid to sit at home on the couch. Okay. Let's talk about work requirements.

I have good news for my GOP friends. In 1996, you all demanded the work requirements that are still in place today.