

local businessowner. David is an advocate for Latinos, a businessowner, and a lifetime member of The American Legion.

As David likes to say, "When people see a veteran, they should thank them." Today we thank David and celebrate his birthday.

"Happy birthday"; "Feliz cumpleaños."

"May God bless you"; "Que Dios te bendiga."

SOUNDING THE ALARM ON NATIONAL DEBT

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss America's debt crisis.

We are in the exact same position today that we have been in for years. Our national debt is ballooning, and wasteful spending continues. In early 2025, we will hit the debt ceiling again and run out of money.

Congress must commit to ending the wasteful government spending that is causing this debt crisis in the first place.

America is bleeding out financially, and I am sounding the alarm. We must stop governing from crisis to crisis because all we are doing is organizing deck chairs on the Titanic. Our ship is sinking, and if we don't act fast, our economy, the value of the dollar, our children's future, and the future of this great Nation are going to be forgotten relics at the bottom of the sea.

Kansas and the Big First sent me to D.C. to stop the borrowing and spending spree. They sent me to pass legislation like this week's REINS Act, which would block costly rules and regulations. Today, America is \$31 trillion in debt, and soon we will be at \$34 trillion in debt. This must end.

We must work together now to create a real solution to this crisis, which means coming to the table, having the hard conversations, and getting this right for the future of the country.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS

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

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the new Stanley Cup champions, the Las Vegas Golden Knights.

As many of our local fans know, the story of the Golden Knights starts long before last night's victory. Six years ago, our Las Vegas community was forever changed. On October 1, 2017, a gunman opened fire on the Route 91 concert, killing 60 and wounding hundreds more.

We were shaken to our core. We were resilient. We were united. We were Vegas Strong.

Something that captured that spirit so clearly was when, just days later, the Golden Knights stood shoulder to shoulder with the Las Vegas community and honored the victims of this tragedy at their very first home game, showing the true meaning of Vegas Strong.

With the whole city behind them, the Knights proceeded to win that home opener and became the first expansion team in NHL history to start their inaugural season with a 3-0 record.

The Golden Knights have always been more than just a sports team for our community. Now, for the first time, they are world champions.

Our unlikely heroes—6 years ago, a hockey team just getting to know their city—helped us heal in ways we never imagined.

I congratulate the Stanley Cup's Battle Born champs, the Las Vegas Golden Knights.

RECOGNIZING BRAVE FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the extraordinary acts of a few of our first responders, law enforcement officers, and brave residents.

On Saturday, May 20, a 911 call was received for an 8-year-old suffering from cardiac arrest.

Thanks to the swift response and unwavering commitment of the Carmel Police Department, particularly Police Officer Thomas Eagan, who arrived on the scene within 2 minutes and initiated the lifesaving application of an AED, the 8-year-old's life was saved.

Also assisting were Sergeant Laura Whitten, Officer Michelle Yeager, and Officer Brian Detz, who provided CPR, maintained scene control, and assisted medics, while Detective Daniel Shea also helped.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department, with a special mention to Assistant Fire Chief Rivera, who provided CPR, and to the Putnam County ambulance, medic, and EMS teams that stabilized the child and swiftly transported him to the Westchester Medical Center.

The immediate actions of Good Samaritans Laura Spallina, Judith Schoen, and Karen Tubman made a vital difference.

I also recognize Mircea Bors, who recognized cardiac arrest and began CPR. His fast thinking set the stage for the rescue efforts.

I thank the other law enforcement agencies that assisted with the safe transport of the child: Yorktown PD, Westchester County Police Department, New York State troopers, and the town of Mount Pleasant Police Department.

Through their combined efforts, an 8-year-old child's life was saved, a family was spared epic grief, and the commu-

nity was reminded of the importance of our brave law enforcement officers and first responders.

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am excited this week to introduce H. Res. 505, a bill to again commemorate and honor Juneteenth.

Juneteenth should be a holiday that brings all Americans together because it is about freedom, freedom of a people. It was when General Granger came to Galveston, Texas, with General Order No. 3, to release the slaves who had been held an extra 2 years because a State would not listen.

It is a holiday that brings us together. There will be commemorations in Galveston. There will be commemorations in Houston, Texas, proudly bringing people from all ethnic backgrounds together, from Friday all the way to the Juneteenth holiday.

I am very proud to acknowledge Opal Lee, the grandmother of Juneteenth, who brought a million petitions here to say that we need a Federal holiday.

I am proud to honor the late Representative Al Edwards, who introduced the first bill to make it a State holiday in Texas. I was very glad to be inspired by him and mentored by him to introduce the Federal legislation, introducing the resolution for 10 years and then finally achieving my goal, our goal, to have a Federal holiday.

It is a holiday for all people. Let us celebrate Juneteenth on June 19. Do something in your community that heals, welcomes, and joins each community together.

It is about freedom of a people, freedom of America, and our wonderful democracy.

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CONGRATULATING GRIFF LYNCH

(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 congratulate Griff Lynch on his induction into the International Maritime Hall of Fame.

Mr. Lynch has been in the terminal operations industry for 34 years, leaving his mark on many ports along the East Coast. He currently serves as executive director of the Georgia Ports Authority, leading 1,800 employees in Savannah, Brunswick, Bainbridge, and Chatsworth.

Mr. Lynch carries a great passion for his team and community, prioritizing motivation and support for those who work with him. Under his leadership, the Georgia Ports Authority team has continuously broken cargo volume records, leading them to be recognized as one of the most successful ports in the country.

Mr. Lynch currently serves on the board of the American Association of Port Authorities and the National Association of Waterfront Employers. He has been recognized by his alma mater, SUNY Maritime College, as Alumnus of the Year and as Georgian of the Year by Georgia Trend magazine.

I thank him for all he has done for our district and congratulate him on this well-deserved achievement.

PRIDE MONTH

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise, once again, in defense of the LGBTQ2SIA+ community.

This year, we have seen a barrage of hateful legislative attacks on the LGBTQ+ individuals as Republicans in statehouses, courtrooms, classrooms, and, yes, sadly, even Congress attempt to roll back the clock.

What they are doing is harmful, it is unconscionable, and, let's be clear, it could prove to be fatal for those who are so deeply hurt by these laws that they take their own life.

The stakes this Pride Month couldn't be higher, and that is why I am proud to stand with my colleagues in defense of freedom and equality for everyone.

Pride isn't merely about rainbows. It is resilience, and it is a reminder that real allyship requires work: courageously and unapologetically standing up to bigotry, not just this month, but every month.

We will not back down, and we will not be silenced.

DEFENDING GAS STOVES

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Congresswoman DEBBIE LESKO for her fight and for our fight regarding gas stoves.

What the Biden administration is trying to do with gas stoves is something that has become, sadly, more and more common from President Biden's party.

It doesn't matter to the Hollywood elite, it doesn't matter to the limousine liberals, it doesn't matter to the Silicon Valley billionaires, and it doesn't, quite frankly, matter to the welfare classes. However, it matters to the middle class as to what their electric or monthly energy bill is.

This is part of the Biden administration's effort to shut down gas stoves, which are much cheaper to operate than electric stoves, and it is a growing trend towards ignoring the middle class in America.

These other groups I don't think would know what their electric bill is, but we have to bring back the gas stoves on the grounds that it will save money for the middle class who does

know exactly what their electric bill is.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Caribbean American Heritage Month.

First, I want to give credit where credit is due and thank Congresswoman BARBARA LEE for her leadership which made this designation possible beginning in 2006. I have to thank Caribbean American Shirley Chisholm who was the first Black woman to serve in Congress. I would not be here today if she had not blazed a trail.

Throughout the month of June, we come together to uplift and celebrate the remarkable contributions, radiant culture, and deep history of our Caribbean siblings, some who are the descendants of those who were forced into migration due to the transatlantic slave trade and those who migrated as Caribbean nationals.

I represent the Massachusetts Seventh which is the third largest Caribbean population in the United States.

Dominicans, Jamaicans, Trinidadians, Bajans, Haitians, and more shape our community and contribute to our economy, culture, and civic life.

Whether we are experiencing Caribbean Carnival, the third largest in North America in Boston, or at the policy table working to mitigate the impacts of climate change on our island neighbors, I am deeply grateful to and for them all.

In honoring Caribbean American Heritage Month, I reaffirm my commitment to my Caribbean neighbors throughout the United States.

CONGRATULATING VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Vegas Golden Knights on winning the Stanley Cup last night defeating the Florida Panthers in a 9-3 rout at home in game five and securing the first major men's professional sports championship in the history of Las Vegas.

The Knights have been a uniting force for southern Nevada since their founding, playing their first home game just 9 days after the October 1 shooting in my district where they retired the number 58 in honor of the 58 victims of the shooting.

Jonathan Marchessault was named playoff MVP. Last night's dominant performance was capped off by team captain Mark Stone's hat trick.

The franchise had many detractors in the beginning despite these accom-

plishments. Nate Silver even wrote an article titled: "Las Vegas is a Terrible Place for an NHL Team." Owner Bill Foley nonetheless promised that the Golden Knights would bring home a Stanley Cup within 6 years, and that is exactly what they did.

Indeed, the Vegas Golden Knights organization and its fans have proven that Las Vegas is a hockey town.

Congratulations to owners Bill Foley and the Maloof family and other members of the team as well as the players and coaches. We are very proud of them, and we are excited to have the Stanley Cup at home in fabulous Nevada's District One.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FRY) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

JUNE 14, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to Section 2(b)(4) of P.L. 117-140, I am pleased to appoint the following members to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific History and Culture:

Mr. Rodney Davis of Taylorville, Illinois
Mr. Vincent K. Fong of Bakersfield, California

As previously agreed, because of the change in Congress and the presumed statutory intent of the Commission, I am appointing Mr. Rodney Davis and Mr. Vincent K. Fong on behalf of the Speaker. As such, I am pleased to make this appointment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

OPENING DAY FOR THE JACKIE ROBINSON BASEBALL LEAGUE

(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, today I rise with immense joy to celebrate the 32nd season opener of the Jackie Robinson Baseball League at Thomas Foreman Park in Greenville, North Carolina. This occasion reminds us of sports' impact on our youth and communities across America.

During the opening ceremony, we honored the memory of Jayceon Epps, a remarkable young player whose jersey number 6 was retired. Although tragedy took him from us far too soon, his spirit lives in the hearts of our community.

Police Chief Ted Sauls was the guest speaker and threw out the first pitch.

The Jackie Robinson Baseball League goes far beyond the game itself. It instills values, fosters friendships, and provides mentorship opportunities for our children.