

that we can serve you, our constituents, and deliver on the promises we made.

On top of all the work that had to be done getting our district office up and running, this staff delivered for the constituency and has returned over \$100,000 in Federal dollars and about a trillion-and-a-half passport requests.

I recognize each and every single member of my district staff by name, in alphabetical order: Russ Cleary, Lisa Damon-Brown, Phil Rode, Linda Torp, and Kris Zrinyi.

I thank them all for helping me serve Michigan's 10th Congressional District, the greatest district in the United States of America.

Of the many cases my district team has closed this year, there are a couple that I reviewed that really stuck out to me.

We got a call from a veteran in our district who hadn't received his VA benefits in nearly 2 years. Together, my staff elevated this case within the VA and got them to act. Now, this veteran in my district has thousands in backpay and a monthly payment of roughly \$2,000 that he earned serving our country in uniform.

My team also helped a single mother of two get her tax return from all the way back in 2015. This young mother is currently attending nursing school to better the future for herself and her two children and to serve her community. Between being a single mom and a student, she didn't have enough time in her busy schedule to work with the IRS, but she had time to give us a call. That is all that mattered. My diligent team was able to step up for her and help her to retrieve \$9,000 from her tax return.

These are just two of the many stories and constituent cases that our district office worked so diligently to close over just the past 5 months—in under 6 months, under half a year. I am so grateful for all the work they have done for our constituents.

I am a combat veteran, but I am also a businessman, and I believe that constituent services, customer service, is why I am here.

Customer service, serving constituents, is my number one priority in Congress. I have served my country in combat, but the chance to serve this community is the honor of my lifetime. We are ready to continue to serve the good people of Michigan's 10th Congressional District. I thank them for trusting me to be High Above the Best.

#### 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 52 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:

Sovereign God, we look to You to receive guidance in our lives, strength in our battles, comfort in our sorrows, and peace in our world. We appeal to You on behalf of those at war in Ukraine and those who are making decisions affecting this grueling conflict and impacting countless lives. Grant them the belt of Your truth that their leadership would be bound in integrity and faithfulness.

To the men and women on the front lines so violently uprooted from their families and communities, now fighting a battle to preserve the livelihoods they once enjoyed without fear, grant Your breastplate of righteousness. Protect and defend them from the feelings of anger, betrayal, and vindictiveness. Safeguard them from any deed that would bring dishonor or disgrace. May the justness of their actions be undisputed.

Comfort the grieving with the shield of faith. Preserve their souls and spirits from the fiery arrows of heartache and despair. In You may they find the strength and comfort that transcends our finite grasp of Your steadfast and eternal love.

Your work, O God, is powerful. Speak into the warring chaos that threatens our world and wield Your word of peace.

In Your saving name we pray.

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 South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

#### BIDEN'S IRAN DEAL

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, appeasing Iran endangers America and the world, according to Matthew Continetti of the American Enterprise Institute, as reported in the June 17 edition of National Review.

"For President Biden is on the verge of betraying Congress and the American people by rewarding the Islamic Republic of Iran for various misdeeds.

"According to news reports, Biden is prepared to authorize billions of dollars in payments to Iran in exchange for the release of U.S. prisoners. . . . Biden will say this perverse arrangement is necessary to free innocents. . . . What he won't be able to do is call it a deal. "Biden can't call the agreement a deal because he wants to avoid congressional review. The Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 forbids the President from relieving nuclear-related sanctions . . . without congressional approval.

"Notice that the deal-that-is-no-deal says nothing about Iran's deadliest proxy, Hezbollah, or about Iran's drone traffic," to attack Israel and murder Ukrainian civilians.

In conclusion, sadly, the insulting plea deal for Hunter Biden exposes the Biden crime family has shamefully corrupted the Federal judicial system.

#### DEADLIEST FORM OF CANCER

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, lung cancer is the deadliest form of cancer in the United States, taking more lives than prostate, colorectal, and breast cancers combined.

The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends annual lung screenings for adults ages 50 to 80 who are at risk, but currently just 6 percent of eligible Americans are screened each year.

That is why we are introducing the Increasing Access to Lung Cancer Screening Act. This bipartisan bill will reduce barriers to preventive care by requiring public and private insurance to cover annual screenings for those who are eligible.

Early detection is our best protection against all cancer deaths, and this legislation extends coverage for those who are at greatest risk.

I ask my colleagues to join me, along with Representatives CASTOR and FITZPATRICK, in supporting this life-saving legislation. Together we can take another step toward ending cancer as we know it.

#### HONORING DON WALTON ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Nebraska's finest journalists, Don Walton.

Don has long been a trusted source of political news across Nebraska. He has a unique approach to his craft. He quietly builds relationships with people as he listens and grows trust.

During my time in the legislature and in Congress, I have worked with Don. He believes that people are never a means to a story, and he faithfully covers politics without engaging in them.

Over a week ago, Don surprised us all with his retirement announcement in his weekly column. He had shown no signs of stepping back, true to form. He did not make a spectacle of his farewell. In a brief open letter, he thanked his readers and encouraged and challenged them to be their best. He has had a 67-year career.

On behalf of Nebraska's First Congressional District, I honor Don for his service and his work. The way he treated people as he wrote about them will long stand as a testament to the value of local journalism.

#### CUTS TO WIC ARE ESPECIALLY CRUEL

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, Republicans have said time and time again that they don't want to hurt pregnant mothers and young children, but they did just that with the FY 2024 agriculture spending bill that they advanced out of the House Appropriations Committee last week.

The Republican bill slashes WIC funding by \$185 million from the current funding level and guts WIC's extra fruit and vegetable benefits for 5 million pregnant and postpartum moms and young children.

It is the first time ever that WIC has been intentionally underfunded. At a time when many families are still dealing with pandemic-caused inflation, these cuts are especially cruel. I am appalled that Republicans' idea of fiscal responsibility is taking healthy food away from pregnant moms and kids under 5. Seriously?

Mr. Speaker, let's not forget that Republicans also tried to cut Meals on Wheels and WIC in their original debt ceiling bill, and they have a bill to kick moms with young children and seniors off of SNAP.

Taking food away from the most vulnerable is completely heartless. It is shameful, and we are going to fight these cuts.

#### PATRIOTS AND HEROES PARK REDEDICATION

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the rededication of Patriots and Heroes Park in Lancaster, New York, and the many

men and women who devoted their lives in service to our community.

Mr. Russell J. Salvatore founded and funded this memorial as a place for patriotism and peaceful reflection of the imagery honoring veterans, members of law enforcement, first responders, and the heroes that have dedicated their lives to the safety of others.

These monuments were vandalized heartlessly and defaced in March, and the images of the destruction shocked our community.

Now, fully restored, thanks to the work and support and funding of Mr. Russell J. Salvatore, our community is gathering once again at Patriots and Heroes Park today to honor those who served and sacrificed for this great Nation.

I thank the veterans, police officers, and first responders for their valor, courage, and service to their fellow Americans.

Mr. Salvatore has been a titan of Buffalo, and I know the people of the 23rd Congressional District are grateful for his generosity over the many years. I congratulate Mr. Salvatore on his many years of success and on the rededication of Patriots and Heroes Park.

Our community has chosen to turn this act of hatred into a new monument to thank our heroes and celebrate our patriotism as Americans. I am honored to join the celebration from the Halls of Congress.

#### ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR SUPREME COURT

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, today we learned that it wasn't just Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court who accepted lavish gifts from a conservative billionaire and didn't disclose it, violating ethical rules.

We learned that Justice Samuel Alito also accepted lavish gifts from another conservative billionaire and didn't disclose it.

In addition, both Justices Thomas and Alito failed to disclose the private jet travel that they received from conservative billionaires. That is a violation of Federal law.

Americans used to respect the United States Supreme Court. Now I think the American people can rightfully ask: Is it turning into a cesspool of corruption? That is why I ask the Speaker of the House to put on the floor the bill authored by Democrats to put ethical standards on the United States Supreme Court.

Every Federal judge has to follow ethical standards except for these nine people. Who do they think they are?

#### ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN SCHOOLS

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, President Biden's and Secretary Mayorkas' handling of our southern border has made every State, including my home State of Tennessee, a border State. Now, illegal immigrants are being housed in public schools, threatening our children's ability to learn.

House Republicans are denouncing this heinous action by passing H. Res. 461, which condemns the use of public school facilities to house illegal immigrants.

Housing illegal immigrants at public schools diverts resources from students already suffering from historic learning loss. Additionally, schools with summer programs or activities will now be forced to consider the additional security threat housing illegal immigrants at their facilities poses.

Mr. Speaker, if the Biden administration would work with Republicans to secure the border, this wouldn't be happening. However, since it is, we must condemn it, which is why I urge Members to join me in supporting H. Res. 461.

#### PENN KINGSMEN REPEAT AS STATE CHAMPS

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

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a very special group of Hoosiers.

Last Saturday, the Penn High School baseball team shut out top-ranked Center Grove 2-0 to win the Class 4A State championship for the second straight year.

Their victory Saturday marks the first time in program history that the Kingsmen have repeated as State champs, and now it is the sixth State crown under Hall of Fame Coach Greg Dikos' belt.

The Kingsmen's big win came just 1 week after the Lady Kingsmen softball team also won the State title, making Penn just the second school in Indiana history to win a softball and baseball State championship in the same year.

The most exciting moment in Saturday's game came in the bottom of the fourth inning when senior center fielder Cooper Hums laid out for an amazing, over-the-shoulder diving catch. In fact, Cooper's catch was so spectacular that it landed him a top spot on "SportsCenter's Top 10" playlist. I watched the clip, and it is worth your time to watch.

Congratulations to Cooper, Coach Dikos, and all the Kingsmen on defending their title and for bringing another State championship back to the Second District.

God bless them, and Go Kingsmen.