

thank Sheriff Billy Hancock and the Crisp County Sheriff's Department for their dedication to protecting our district and the people of Georgia.

#### LARRY TERKEL IS CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Larry Terkel from Hudson as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

Larry recently competed at the National Senior Games in Pittsburgh, bringing home an impressive seven gold medals. Held every 2 years, the National Senior Games brings athletes over the age of 50 from around the country to compete in all sports.

At the age of 76, Mr. Terkel won individual gold medals in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle, the 50- and 100-yard breaststroke, and the 50-yard butterfly. He also won two gold medals in the 4-by-50 mixed medley relay and the 4-by-50 mixed freestyle relay.

While expanding our community's longstanding legacy as the birthplace of champions this year, he also continues to hold the nationwide records for the 50- and 100-yard freestyle at the Senior Games and is a U.S. Masters Swimming national champion.

When he is not in the pool, Mr. Terkel is a professor at Kent State University and a YouTube yoga sensation. Mr. Terkel is proof that no matter your age, your physical condition can be optimal, and you should never count anyone out.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Larry Terkel on earning seven gold medals and representing Ohio's 13th Congressional District. He has made us all proud.

#### RECOGNIZING TREY AND ERIN THOMPSON

(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 recognize Trey and Erin Thompson, the Muscular Dystrophy Association's first Savannah Toast to Life Gala honorees.

The MDA is honoring Trey and Erin due to their tireless efforts to increase muscular dystrophy awareness within the Savannah community.

Trey's father, Robbie Thompson, passed away on March 18, 2012, after a brave fight with ALS. Robbie was a strong, kind man who lived his life to the fullest no matter what trials he faced in his life. His legacy lives on through Trey and Erin Thompson's advocacy for the neuromuscular disease community in Savannah.

Through events like the Toast to Life Gala, the MDA funds research, treatments, and technology that increase

quality of life for those with muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases, as well as their families.

Trey and Erin will be honored at the Third Annual MDA Savannah Toast to Life Gala on August 31, 2023. I thank them for their efforts in the fight against muscular dystrophy.

#### HONORING SINEAD O'CONNOR

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Sinead O'Connor. For me, Sinead was the first truly incredible singer songwriter, and she made me think.

She made all of us think about justice and about fairness. She made us think about who gets left behind and why it is on us to care for those left out. She stood up for the most vulnerable, not only in her songs, but at the expense of her own career.

Mr. Speaker, I will take this 1 minute to make sure that her family, friends, and fans know how much she meant to so many of us.

May we all, especially those of us in Congress, honor her by fighting for those in our communities who are most marginalized.

#### NATIONAL INTERN DAY

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize National Intern Day. Today is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the future leaders of the world: interns.

National Intern Day has served as an opportunity for thousands of employers to commemorate and thank their hard-working interns.

At this time I recognize and thank the interns who joined me this summer, both in my personal office and on the Agriculture Committee.

Justin and Tessa served in my personal office and have been instrumental in helping serve the people of Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District. Bailee, Callie, and Kylie help support myself and the Agriculture Committee staff through dozens of hearings, roundtables, and other committee events as we work toward crafting a farm bill.

From conducting research to drafting speeches and statements to guiding tours and responding to constituents, these interns were fantastic additions to my team this summer.

Mr. Speaker, our interns today are truly the leaders of tomorrow, and they deserve recognition for their outstanding work. I thank them again for joining us this summer.

#### CONGRATULATING SPECIALIST RENE J. RODRIGUEZ ON RECEIVING THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor Specialist Rene J. Rodriguez of El Paso, Texas, for his courage and heroism while stationed with the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks in my district.

Earlier this month, Specialist Rodriguez was awarded the Soldier's Medal, the highest individual decoration the United States Army can give for an act of valor in a noncombat event.

He received that award for defending a local woman who was being violently assaulted outside of a coffee shop in Wahiawa last October. With disregard for his own safety, Specialist Rodriguez put himself in the middle and took the brunt of the attack, giving the woman space and time to get to safety in his vehicle.

Specialist Rodriguez' actions that day represent the very best of our soldiers and the highest values of courage and sacrifice in the United States Army. We are so very proud of him and so grateful for his service and commitment to our Hawaii community.

#### PASS THIS YEAR'S FARM BILL

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, soon the House Committee on Rules will begin its consideration of this year's farm bill. This is a bill to include some of the top priorities for not only northern California, but the whole country, as my own district is home to some of the most productive agricultural regions in the world.

We are the second largest rice-growing region in the Nation, and we grow over half of all the dried plums, also known as prunes, produced in the world. Our farmers are international leaders in almond and walnut production, among other crops.

The farm bill gives farmers the tools they need to manage their risks during a difficult economic year or a natural disaster with the insurance that has been so successful over the recent years. It strengthens incentives for our next generation of farmers, as our farmers' average age is well into the sixties now.

Beyond agriculture, it allocates resources to programs that are vital to the economic well-being of our area, and all rural areas that have agriculture, by funding rural health projects that help our communities address a growing opioid addiction issue and other substance abuse disorders.

It provides funding to close the rural and urban digital divide by improving broadband connectivity in rural areas.

It is really important that we get on-board with the farm bill this fall and pass it on time.

#### HONORING MADELENE MACIAS, JACK A. LOPEZ, CLYDE A. LOPEZ, AND MANUEL MACIAS

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, all gave some and some made the ultimate sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor The American Legion volunteer Madelene Macias and her three brothers, Jack Lopez, Clyde Lopez, and Manuel Macias.

All of Madelene's brothers served honorably and fought in some of our Nation's toughest battles. Private First Class Jack Lopez was a technician, Clyde Lopez served in World War II, and Staff Sergeant Manuel Macias served in the Vietnam war.

Jack Lopez was tragically killed in action in Okinawa, and Madelene reached out to my office to make sure he was honored 77 years later. Mr. Lopez's ultimate sacrifice earned him our country's recognition with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Madelene for her commitment to our country and our community. I thank each of her brothers for their service and sacrifice for this great Nation.

#### REMEMBERING EMMA SHAFER

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you with a heavy heart to remember a young woman whose passion and dedication touched the lives of many in the Springfield community and beyond.

Emma Shafer was a remarkable activist who sought to create positive change in the world around her. From an early age, she understood the power of her voice and the importance of creating good trouble.

Her commitment to social justice and equality was unwavering, and she inspired people of all ages to join her in the pursuit of a better world. Whether she was serving as a board member for the Resistor Sisterhood organization or volunteering to deliver groceries for the Springfield Immigrant Advocacy Network, the list of Emma's involvement in the community was endless.

Not only was Emma an outspoken advocate, she was also an avid reader and lover of theater and passionate supporter of the arts.

As we mourn her loss, we celebrate her life by continuing the work she started by carrying the torch of activism and by striving to create a world she dreamed of: one filled with love, equality, and opportunity for all.

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#### HOURLY OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STRONG). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### HONORING NORTH RIVERSIDE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the village North Riverside, Illinois.

This area now known as North Riverside sits on Potawatomi land that was purchased by a real estate and fur trading company in 1835.

By 1900, onion farmers had begun to move to the area, and the village grew from there.

The bright neon lights and blaring brass sounds of the legendary Melody Mill ballroom that were a mainstay of the big band era attracted people from all over who were looking for a lindy-hopping night of jazz and swing music.

North Riverside continues to be a thriving place with a vibrant theater scene, sports, scouting, and even a quilting club. Every street has a block captain who helps neighbors and seniors with errands and much more.

Here is to the next 100 years, North Riverside.

#### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA AND ASTROPHYSICS

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the many stellar accomplishments the University of Iowa has achieved in astrophysics. The University of Iowa has been a longstanding leader in the field. They built instruments flown on 70 spacecraft in 60 successful missions.

Between 1958 and 1998, the University of Iowa developed more spaceflight instruments than any other university. These instruments were used in the first observations by spacecraft at seven of the eight planets in our solar system. Iowa's technology produced the first evidence of Earth's radiation belts.

Without the contributions of the University of Iowa to the field of astrophysics, space research would not be the same.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the University of Iowa for their out-of-this-world work.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF JOHNNY LUJACK

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and career of the indestructible Johnny Lujack who passed away at the age of 98.

In 1947, Johnny Lujack won the Heisman trophy capping off a college football career as Notre Dame's quarterback where he won three national championships.

He was unanimously named All-American twice. He was named the 1947 AP Athlete of the Year. He also served our country as a Navy ensign in World War II.

After college, he played for the Chicago Bears and he made two Pro Bowls. In 1949, Johnny Lujack led the NFL in passing touchdowns and passing yards.

After retiring from football, he and his wife moved to Patricia's hometown of Davenport, Iowa, and ran the largest Chevy dealership in the State of Iowa.

He spent the next 67 years in the Quad Cities and was a titan in our community and even served on the Board of Trustees for St. Ambrose University.

He moved to Naples, Florida, in 2021 to be closer to his grandson, much to the dismay of many Iowans who missed him dearly. My prayers are with his family as they mourn the loss of such a remarkable man as Johnny Lujack.

#### THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF TEXAS GOVERNOR ABBOTT

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, extreme MAGA Republicans have gone from Trump's caging children to Abbott's trapping children in the river.

Razor wire-wrapped barrels in the river, pushing children back into the river, and denying water during extreme heat are simply acts of deliberate, inhumane, and horrific torture. It goes beyond politics and crosses a line into human rights violations.

These buoys by the Governor will not stop migrants from crossing the Rio Grande. Instead, they will pose a grave threat to Border Patrol agents and increase the risk of drowning for children, disabled people, mothers and others.

Mr. Speaker, what if this were one of your own children, your niece or nephew, or your grandchildren?

Mr. Speaker, how would you respond if you saw your family treated this way?

Governor Abbott's anti-life actions do not reflect our Texas values. It is just simply bad and inhumane actions.

Migrants deserve to be treated with dignity and compassion, not by this relentless dehumanization.

#### NATIONAL INTERN DAY

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