

As a Senator, she served the people of California for 31 years, and she was the longest-serving female Senator in American history.

Senator FEINSTEIN was a true trailblazer. She was the first woman elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. She was the first woman elected to serve as San Francisco's mayor. As a Senator, she was the first woman to chair the powerful Senate Rules and Senate Intelligence Committees.

Senator FEINSTEIN leaves a legacy of incredible accomplishment. She wrote the popular assault weapons ban in 1994, a ban that we need to reintroduce today. She helped create the nationwide AMBER Alert system to help communities find abducted children. She helped reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act.

She was a strong advocate for women and the betterment of all Americans, and she will truly be missed in the Senate and California.

#### REFLECTING ON CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which is being observed through the end of September.

During this period of reflection, Americans from coast to coast honor our Nation's youngest warriors in their battle against pediatric cancer and recommit themselves to finding a cure for such a terrible disease.

One of those young warriors is a 1-year-old, Cooper Graham, of Oceanside, New York, who is fighting the good fight at such a young age.

Cooper is a tough little guy, always with a smile. I know that all Long Islanders are standing in solidarity with him in his fight right alongside Cooper's parents, Michael and Rachel, as well as his big sister, Rylie.

During Cancer Awareness Month, we are all Coop's troops, and we are going to stand with Cooper and all pediatric cancer warriors through thick and thin.

Cooper, if you are listening back home, we all remain Coop strong.

#### WHY THE GOVERNMENT IS SHUTTING DOWN

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

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask why.

Why are we, with hours to go before a government shutdown, wasting precious time debating bills that are so extreme, so backward, that they clearly have no chance of becoming law?

Why, this week, have we spent more time voting to defund individual salaries of public servants than passing a bill that would prevent millions from going unpaid?

Why are we focused on the baseless and bogus impeachment inquiry than the fact that if we do not prevent a shutdown, we will be asking members of our military, our law enforcement officers, our TSA agents, and our traffic controllers all to come to work to protect our Nation without a paycheck?

The livelihoods of thousands of families in my district are being put at risk, as well as the benefits of millions more—nutrition benefits, SBA loans, taxpayer assistance, and Social Security services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask why, but I also ask when. When will this Chamber get back to governing, get off this fantasy island of budgeting and actually govern?

#### REMEMBERING WILLIAM W. "BUCK" CROSBY, SR.

(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 in remembrance of William "Buck" Crosby. He served as an educator of chemistry and biology for 40 years at Risley High School and retired as the interim superintendent of Glynn County Schools.

He was a member of the YWCA Foundation Board, where he held the position as first vice president of the Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association.

He was the recipient of many awards in his community, including being inducted into the Benedict College Class of 2023 Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also the first and only African-American chairman of the Hospital Authority, and he was the first African-American to receive the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia Bishop's Award.

He will be remembered as a teacher, an administrator, a friend to all, and an example for all of us to live up to.

I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

#### DEFER STUDENT LOANS FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ASSAULT

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, LaQuisha Anthony, a Philadelphia native, was an undergraduate track star at Kutztown University in my district. Horrifically, in her freshman year, she was sexually assaulted.

LaQuisha was forced to withdraw from her studies to focus on her recovery. She faced crushing student loan debt, and when repayments began, she ultimately defaulted.

Heartbreakingly, LaQuisha's story is not uncommon. Many survivors are not afforded enough time, space, or peace to heal. That is why I am reintroducing

the Student Loan Deferment for Sex-Based Harassment Survivors Act to provide a compassionate, sensible exception to the student loan repayment policy.

This bill would allow survivors of sexual harassment, stalking, and assault to pause student loan payments for up to 3 years so they can focus on their mental and physical well-being. This pause is practical. Without it, many like LaQuisha are unable to return to school because of outstanding loans, but with time to heal, survivors can get a fresh start.

Today, LaQuisha is a dedicated advocate in preventing sexual assault and supporting survivors, including her support of this bill.

Let her work be our light. Let us pass this legislation.

#### REMEMBERING NICK MACY

(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, I rise today to recognize a dear friend, an aviator, a northern California agriculture community leader, and an American, Nick Macy.

Tragically, Nick received his heavenly wings recently at the final Reno Air Races, where my son and I were in attendance. This loss will be felt deeply throughout my district, the Klamath Basin, Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, and most especially in Tulelake. I feel his pain deeply myself.

Nick was a friend to myself and my office, as we worked closely with him for over a decade to try to resolve a silly bureaucratic issue in his airport.

A soft-spoken leader, Nick was a pre-eminent figure in his community. He valued his hometown, his family's history in aviation and the agricultural industries, and the rural roots that brought him up.

Nick is the son of a World War II B-24 instructor. He grew to become an expert in many areas of farming, water, crop dusting, fighting fires throughout the basin, and aviation as a six-time national champion in the T-6 Gold Class in the Six-Cat Air Racing Team.

Nick and Macy's Flying Service were incredibly important to the people in both Siskiyou and Modoc Counties. He truly loved his community, family, and friends, and he would do everything within his ability to ensure their prosperity. Nick was a cornerstone of the agriculture community up there.

Nick was devoted to his family and neighbors. One could always count on Nick.

My prayers are for his lovely wife, Beth, and his children and grandchildren. To all of his family and friends—so many who were gathered at the air race—may they feel God's presence in this moment of terrible loss.

Nick, Godspeed to you. Thank you for all you were to us. Your legacy will live on in Tulelake and our hearts. We won't forget you.

# HELPING SERVICEMEMBERS AND FAMILIES DURING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(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, while extremists threaten to shut down the government if they don't receive reckless cuts to vital programs that families in Ohio's 13th Congressional District rely on, like Social Security, K-12 education, and nutrition assistance, I am committed to funding the government and keeping these critical services running.

My constituents are worried about how they will pay their bills or put food on the table if the government shuts down. That is why I introduced two bills last week, the Pay Our Military Act and the Feed Our Families Act. Both put people over politics to protect Americans' livelihoods in the case of a government shutdown.

The bipartisan Pay Our Military Act would ensure our servicemembers, people who sacrifice every day to keep our country safe, aren't forced to serve without pay.

The Feed Our Families Act would ensure no family who relies on SNAP benefits goes hungry throughout the shutdown.

House Republicans can easily prevent a government shutdown by simply upholding their end of the bipartisan budget agreement, but if they won't, I remain committed to Ohio's 13th Congressional District and our country.

It is time to stop the political games. Put the American people first and fund our government. In the event that extremists won't—which it seems like they won't, based on the shenanigans and utter foolishness of today—I encourage my colleagues to support and bring to the floor the Pay Our Military Act and the Feed Our Families Act.

## LACKING CONVICTION TO STOP SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, with the failure of that last vote, we are now less than 2 days away from shutting down the United States Government, not because we don't have a path forward, but because the party of Lincoln has been captured by the spirit of Yeats: The best of you lack all conviction, and the worst are filled with passionate intensity.

Extreme Republicans with passionate intensity are choosing to destroy all that makes America great while their moderate enablers sit meekly, lacking the conviction to oppose.

My question is, do any of you have a plan to land this plane? It seems weird that you skipped that part of flight school.

Less than 2 days from now, every single American is going to feel the pain

of this crash, every soldier who wants to get paid, every woman who wants food assistance for her child, everybody who needs housing support, everybody who is wondering if the train they are riding on has been inspected.

We don't have to be here, Mr. Speaker, but we need some of you, any of you, to stand up.

## SPIRALING TOWARD A SHUTDOWN

(Mrs. TORRES of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, we are less than 34 hours from a Republican government shutdown. This is not the time for political theater or political grievances. We are spiraling toward a shutdown that would devastate thousands of working families that I represent throughout California's Inland Empire.

If extremist Republicans are allowed to continue their theatrics, over 4,000 Federal employees in my district—mothers, fathers, caretakers among them—could miss their next paycheck. TSA agents at Ontario International Airport will have to work without pay. Over 25,000 women and children who rely on Federal food assistance could miss their next meal.

It is beyond hypocritical that Republicans want to cut benefits for hard-working families while making it easier for billionaires to cheat on their taxes.

My Republican colleagues need to get serious about governing or get out of the way.

## REPUBLICANS MUST DO THE RIGHT THING

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the impending government shutdown and House Republicans' refusal to set politics aside for the good of the American people.

Rather than working across the aisle with Democrats to fund the government like the Senate, my Republican colleagues are threatening a catastrophic shutdown unless their extreme demands are met.

Make no mistake, a government shutdown is entirely preventable. Extreme Republicans in the House are choosing to put politics over the American people.

A government shutdown threatens the lives and livelihoods of our servicemembers, small business owners, children, and families who rely on Head Start and WIC, and so much more.

Mr. Speaker, with only 1 day left until the government funding runs out, House Democrats are willing to work across the aisle to keep government open.

It is time for Republicans to do the same for the American people.

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## RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER ON HIS 99th BIRTHDAY

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

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate America's longest living President and one of Georgia's finest, President Jimmy Carter, who is turning 99 years young.

On Sunday October 1, I had plans to be home in Georgia for this birthday celebration, but the looming Republican government shutdown has me here in D.C. doing the work for the people.

President Carter has led a distinguished life, winning a Nobel Peace Prize, eradicating diseases, and uplifting the lives of millions of marginalized people.

He would probably say that his most important accomplishments are his Christian faith as a member of Maranatha Baptist Church; marrying his beloved wife, Rosalynn; raising a strong family; building houses with Habitat for Humanity; and being one of the best peanut farmers in the land.

For me, President Carter is an inspiration. My husband, Leslie, and I even named our son Carter after this great President. I strive every day to make sure that my Carter Cakes has the same humility and commitment to service as his namesake.

The best birthday gift that President Carter could receive from us would be us all working together to make the world a better place for the most marginalized, and we can do that by following President Carter's example and building on his legacy—starting with keeping the government open for the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I wish President Carter a happy 99th birthday.

## DON'T SHUT DOWN

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to acknowledge our great President Jimmy Carter and thank him for his life and service.

It is becoming that we stand on the floor today to be able to speak in contrast to the generosity of the Carters to where we are today because we are supposed to be saving America.

Frankly, we now have a challenge where the Republican leadership cannot even find a way to stop the government from shutting down. I think if the American people knew what their plan was, you might ask the question: Is it possible to lead in this way?

Attacking the National Institutes of Health, that is what they are doing.

They are cutting education and dollars for disabled children and taking money away from 150,000 teachers who