

and service to the Bettendorf Fire Department began on September 6, 1983.

In less than a decade, he rose through the ranks, becoming a captain and a fire marshal. His commitment didn't go unnoticed as he was named the Bettendorf Fire Department Officer of the Year in 1991. He received accolades such as the 2015 Governor's Fire Prevention Officer of the Year award and actively contributed to organizations like the American Burn Association's International Outreach Committee and the St. Florian Burn Foundation Board of Directors.

Chief Knorrek's service extended beyond the call of duty, representing the highest ideals and integrity, and he is leaving an indelible mark on the Bettendorf community and the broader region.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Chief Knorrek on his retirement and thank him for his dedicated service.

#### RECOGNIZING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month. October can feel different for everyone who has been affected by breast cancer.

Some people wear pink and others may be grieving, but we can all agree on the importance of community support. Breast cancer knows no age, gender, or race, but it predominantly affects women.

As the single most diagnosed cancer among American women, we must remember to get screened, learn more about the risks and factors, and support families and caregivers impacted by this disease. This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, let us continue to put up a fight against breast cancer and, most importantly, let us remain united as we work to find a cure.

#### HONORING DUSTIN MICHAEL CACKLEY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Dustin Michael Cackley of Keokuk, Iowa, who passed away at the age of 51 after suffering a heart attack in September.

Dustin's life was marked by selfless service and unwavering dedication to his country. He graduated from Keokuk Senior High School in 1991 and joined the U.S. Army later that year, beginning a 20-year career as a military police officer. His exemplary service earned him numerous accolades, including the Iraq Campaign Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal, among others. He served two deployments in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2004 and 2008 to 2009.

After retiring from the military in 2011, Dustin faced personal challenges, including PTSD. Yet, with the support of his loyal military brother, Paul Schroeder, he found his way back to faith and a new purpose in life.

He dedicated himself to helping veterans cope with PTSD through faith-based initiatives, cofounding the Armatus Reintegration Program in 2017.

Returning to Keokuk in 2019, Dustin became an integral part of his community. He served as commander of Keokuk American Legion Post 41, promoting military appreciation night and advocating for veterans' causes. He worked tirelessly on the Veterans Memorial Commission, promoting the Agent Orange Memorial and the Road of Honor.

Dustin Michael Cackley's legacy is one of bravery, service, and unwavering dedication to his country and community. His impact on the lives of veterans and the city of Keokuk will be felt for generations to come.

#### RECOGNIZING POLICE OFFICER JARED ALCORN

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary efforts of Norwalk Police Officer Jared Alcorn, who saved a couple from a house fire while on patrol in August. At 3:50 a.m., Officer Alcorn smelled smoke and conducted a thorough search of the neighborhood he was patrolling, leading him to a small house where he witnessed flames engulfing the back deck.

The fire, although not yet extensive, posed a grave threat to the unsuspecting couple sound asleep inside. Without hesitation, Alcorn dialed the fire department, swiftly woke and evacuated the occupants, along with their pets, and called for backup.

Then displaying remarkable bravery and resourcefulness, Officer Alcorn and his partner took on the roles of impromptu firefighters. They grabbed garden hoses from both sides of the house and commenced a valiant battle against the encroaching flames. Their relentless efforts held the fire at bay until professional firefighters arrived on the scene.

Thanks to the swift and selfless actions of Officer Jared Alcorn, the fire's damage was contained primarily to the home's exterior. The couple and their pets were spared from harm and the heart of the residence remained intact.

Mr. Speaker, in the darkest hours of that morning, Officer Alcorn's courage shone brightly, embodying the true spirit of a dedicated and heroic public servant.

#### MOTION TO VACATE SPEAKER MCCARTHY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address comments I recently heard on the floor, and that is a motion to vacate Speaker MCCARTHY.

A motion to vacate is going to continue to derail our appropriations bills process and bringing those bills to the floor. It will upset and further erode our ability to investigate the Biden family corruption, in which we have made significant progress.

#### 45-DAY CONTINUING RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, Saturday, we cobbled together a 45-day con-

tinuing resolution. That is not my preferred way of doing business around here. Indeed, what I talk about to my constituents at home is the process that the House Republicans with our majority have attempted to put in place and are putting into place, a successful Appropriations Committee process.

Now, this isn't just jargon, and it is inside baseball for a lot of people, but when people understand what it is they are trying to accomplish, the Appropriations Committee is going to be the transparency, the light of day, the sunshine on the spending process that D.C. has, and of which we need much more.

We didn't quite get there this year. We got 70 percent of our spending—I hate to use that term, but that is the jargon here—accomplished in four bills already. We still need to do eight bills as our budget is divided into about 12 pieces in the appropriations process. We have a little ways to grind out here.

So what happened? We weren't able to come to agreement, even amongst all Republicans on getting all these bills done. We had a good start in getting a few things done last week, but we have much more to do.

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We want to get through the whole process because we want transparency so the public can see what it is we are doing in this process, the Appropriations Committee, in the light of day, line-by-line, et cetera, so that we can then send documents over to the Senate and have them contemplate those bills. They are not going to like exactly what we do, but we will bring those bills back and hopefully achieve a consensus we can all live with in this era.

I have to remind you, what we have laid out as our goals as House Republicans aren't necessarily shared by the Senate or the White House. It is a hostile environment to try and cut back to pre-COVID levels of spending, as well as secure our border, from the Senate Democrat majority and the Biden White House.

These are our goals.

We want to have a secure border.

We had a document early last week that we thought was going to take a giant leap there, but we couldn't get all the votes we needed even in our own Conference to get it done. That is pretty frustrating.

Now, we have this 45-day ability to buy time with what we passed the other day. I am not happy with continuing resolutions, especially long-term ones. This is fairly short-term. It will enable us to do our work and get these appropriations done. That is what we are doing. Yes, it continues spending pretty much as it was, but we were up against a deadline.

Now, what are the bad things? A government shutdown is what we were up against. That is a terrible way of doing business. I have been around a couple of them and so have my colleagues that

have been here longer than me. One of my friends who has been through five of them has said nobody ever wins politically or policywise on a shutdown.

What happens?

Our troops stop getting paid. Our loyal soldiers out there on the front lines stop getting paid, and they are already underwaged, so to speak.

The contracts that we would have with Defense come to a grinding halt.

Other Federal projects like construction, roads, infrastructure, what have you, come to a grinding halt.

Now, what happens on that? When you demobilize construction crews or assembly lines like that, they don't just turn right back on and off like a light switch. People go home. They move their equipment to other projects. It is much more expensive to turn something back on that was already in momentum.

Try shutting off a nuclear power plant. That is not the same as what we are talking about here, but you don't just turn these things on and off. That is what happens.

Permitting. When folks have been waiting so long for EPA or Army Corps of Engineers or somebody else to get their freaking job done on getting permits out, and then they have an excuse to shut down—oh, this week-long shutdown, this 2-week shutdown, it is going to set us back 3 months. We have heard that sort of thing around here.

Even though it might feel good to say, yeah, let's shut the mother down—because a lot of people don't like what government does, including me, in my real life as a farmer in northern California I see a lot of dumb stuff the government does—shutting things down in the middle of the stream here doesn't really work for anybody, unfortunately.

The Federal employees will still get paid even if they are not at work, so it is a paid vacation. They will get their backpay. Congress will still get paid by the month. It doesn't really shut anything off that way. We don't gain a lot with a shutdown. We held our nose, and we are going to do this for 45 days to do a good process in the Appropriations Committee.

I want to have faith in that, and I want the American public to have faith in an open process and doing it correctly because process is something that has been lacking a lot in Congress and in government in recent years. We have to cling to the process as something that is important so we can have things laid out constitutionally.

#### RECOGNIZING JUDGE MELINDA ANDERSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judge Melinda Anderson on an incredible career in the First District's Liberty County court system.

Judge Anderson's first major achievement of her storied career came when she was appointed ex-officio notary and justice of the peace by the Liberty County Grand Jury in 1979.

Then, in 1983 the legislative consolidation of the justice of the peace and small claims court created the magistrate court.

Consequently, in 1988, Judge Melinda Anderson was elected as Liberty County Chief Magistrate. Since then, she has served the First District of Georgia well, and her accolades are too numerous for one speech.

I congratulate Judge Melinda Anderson on a magnificent career, which included awards for both Magistrate of the Year and Lifetime Achievement.

#### HONORING GRIFFIN LOTSON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Darien City Councilman Griffin Lotson, who is featured in the International African American Museum in Charleston, South Carolina.

The Butler Island Plantation where the International African American Museum stands, was where Lotson's ancestors, the Gullah Geechee, were enslaved.

Councilman Lotson's family spans seven generations of Gullah Geechee roots.

In addition to serving on Darien City Council, he also serves as the vice-chair of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving and sharing Gullah heritage and culture.

Griffin Lotson was also recently promoted to the level of Global and State Goodwill Ambassador.

Darien, along with the rest of Georgia's First Congressional District, is honored that Councilman Lotson calls our community home.

#### CONGRATULATING LINDSEY STREETER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Command Sergeant Major Lindsey Streeter for winning the Military Times Veteran of the Year.

Sergeant Major Streeter enlisted in the Army at 17 years old as a 76C, equipment parts and records specialist.

Lindsey deployed from Hunter Army Airfield in support of Operation Desert Storm, and when he returned, he was asked to go into the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, taking on the weighty task of recruiting the next generation of soldiers.

Over his 31-year career, he would go on to hold leadership positions at every level, culminating with his first assignment as commandant of the Non-commissioned Officer Academy at Fort Stewart.

Although he hung up the uniform, his desire to serve others only grew stronger.

Once he left the Army, he joined Bank of America as its senior vice president of global military affairs, a position that allows him to help transitioning servicemembers and long-time veterans with financial education and assistance.

On top of his professional work, Lindsey started a charity with his late wife, Mary Ann, Quad E, that provides healthcare resources to underserved and low-income families.

In 2022, he also purchased the semi-pro basketball team, the Savannah Hurricanes, yet another example of serving our local community.

Simply put, his impact on the First District of Georgia is immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Command Sergeant Major Streeter for his continued service to not only our country, but, also, to our local community.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 37 minutes p.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 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

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

Merciful God, You came near when we called You. In these recent days of dispute, disagreement, and deliberation, when we called to You, You spoke. In our distress, You upheld us, declaring to our hearts, "Do not fear." Thank You for Your abiding presence and the assurance of Your protections in the midst of our turmoil.

Just God, last week You heard our troubles and took up our case. Rightly dividing requirement from embellishment, clarifying necessity from excess, and guiding the way through competing concerns, You redeemed our concerted attempts to uphold the stewardship of our country's resources and the trusteeship of our government's responsibilities.

Sovereign God, set the course this week that these Members can navigate the way ahead with Your leadership. Shed Your light on the path that both their debate and their decisions would reflect Your wisdom, Your compassion, and Your forbearance.

We call on Your name, O Lord, from the depths of all that we have endured and with the whole of our very being. Do not close Your ears to our cry for Your direction.

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.