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Their success goes beyond serving in South Carolina's Seventh District. They have been named South Carolina's Radio Station of the Year in 2003 and 2007.

Mr. Speaker, I thank WCRC for their commitment to our community. I wish them many more years of great success.

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriation Act and how Republicans continue to put politics over people.

Financial support for Israel after a terrorist attack should be an easy bipartisan bill to pass. Instead, Republicans are hijacking it to prevent the richest 1 percent of Americans from paying their fair share of taxes and preventing lifesaving aid for families caught in the crossfire. So Republicans would rather protect their billionaire tax cheating supporters than protect children.

No one should be surprised about it. If the richest 1 percent paid their fair share, America could gain \$3 trillion in the next 10 years according to economists. Even a portion of that funding would allow us to support Israel, help Palestinian families, and aid Ukraine, and it would even reduce the national debt significantly.

Nevertheless, Republicans want to rob the poor to pay the rich, and I hope American voters are paying attention.

#### HONORING AJ ORTIZ

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic and selfless actions of Buffalo Police Detective AJ Ortiz.

On the evening of August 29, Detective Ortiz was off duty and traveling in my district near the town of Concord when he noticed taillights partially submerged in a pond. Without hesitation, he rescued the three elderly individuals who were trapped inside that sinking vehicle, saving their lives.

In that moment, Detective Ortiz went above and beyond the call of

duty, but I want to emphasize that his heroism goes beyond just this single act.

As the second in command of the Buffalo Police Underwater Recovery Team, he has demonstrated his dedication to public safety and extraordinary commitment to our community. His training and experience undoubtedly played a vital and pivotal role in the positive outcome that would and could have quickly become a tragic situation.

I thank Detective AJ Ortiz for his heroic actions that night and his continued dedication to serving western New York every single day.

#### COMMENDING THE TEXAS RANGERS ON THEIR BIG WIN

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Texas Rangers on their historic first World Series championship. They brought the trophy home to Arlington, Texas, and the Rangers managed to overcome a 6-year playoff drought and two prior World Series losses to bring the trophy home.

They have a great front office, a great manager, and a great owner that put together the winning combination that allowed them to be able to hoist the Commissioner's Trophy this week and also set records of the most RBI's and doubles in a single post-season game.

They had to overcome a lot. They had injuries, they lost their last regular season game, and they had a commentator in the booth that seemed to be rooting against them. Nonetheless, they stayed focused, and it helped the Rangers cement the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area as one of the few regions in the United States where all four major sports franchises have won a championship.

From their humble beginnings through heartbreak and defeat to the World Series champions, the Rangers have brought joy to everyone in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area.

Congratulations again to the Texas Rangers, 2023 World Series champions.

#### HONORING COACH BOB KNIGHT

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

Mrs. HOUCHEIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the General of IU basketball, the legendary Coach Bob Knight.

Growing up in southern Indiana, there were three things that shaped my childhood: family, faith, and IU basketball.

Any game day, TVs across our towns would play the game, and on the screen was Coach Bob Knight. During those games, my mom really only had two

emotions: frustration, yelling, Come on, boys; or elation, celebrating game play.

I was a student during Coach Knight's last year at IU, and I always said that you haven't really seen an IU game unless you were able to witness one that he had coached or had been kicked out of.

Coach Knight's legacy was complex to say the least, but that didn't stop Hoosiers from loving him and through him the game of basketball. Boy, did he create champions on and off the court. He brought home three national championship banners to the walls of Assembly Hall and 902 wins, more than any other coach in IU history.

Under Coach Knight, IU basketball wasn't just a sport about wins and championships, it was a way of life.

In his honor, today we remember what it means to be an IU Hoosier.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SAM SLOM, FORMER HAWAII STATE SENATOR

(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 the life of one of my favorite Republicans and former colleague, the late Hawaii State Senator Sam Slom.

There is much to be said about the boy from Allentown, Pennsylvania, who found his way to Hawaii in the sixties and made our islands his home.

For 20 years Sam represented East Honolulu's ninth senatorial district, and for almost one-half of that time, he was the sole Republican member of the Hawaii Senate.

He read every bill and every resolution, and he defied time and space to try to attend every committee meeting and vote, earning the self-imposed nickname "the Lone Ranger."

I had the honor and privilege of serving alongside Sam. Yes, we disagreed on many things, but more often than not, we saw eye to eye, especially when it came to lowering costs for working families and being good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Sam was a statesman to the very end, and given the partisan times we find ourselves in, I truly miss my friend.

Mahalo, Sam, for your service and your friendship. As the Lone Ranger, you challenged our minds and won our hearts.

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#### CONGRATULATING TRAVIS CRATE

(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 today to recognize Travis Crate for being named the 2023

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize For Teaching Excellence.

Mr. Crate is one of 25 public high school skilled trade teachers across the country to receive this award. He has been a welding instructor at Venango Technology Center for more than 25 years.

This prize was created to recognize high school skilled trade teachers for their work to inspire the next generation.

Mr. Crate's welding program is dynamic and collaborative, incorporating industry-based skills to prepare students for life beyond high school. As students progress through Crate's program, they have the opportunity to mentor first-year students, providing one-on-one instruction that reinforces their learning and helps beginner students grasp welding more easily.

Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the bipartisan Career and Technical Education Caucus, I applaud the work of Mr. Crate and other CTE teachers who continue to help students find their passions.

Congratulations, Mr. Crate, on this remarkable recognition.

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#### CELEBRATING GRAND OPENING OF COVENANT COMMUNITY CARE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, the 12th Congressional District is celebrating. We are celebrating the grand opening of Covenant Community Care, an essential health clinic on Joy Road in Detroit.

For 8 years, Covenant Community Care operated a small healthcare clinic, limiting very much their ability to provide and serve the most vulnerable. However, my team and I worked incredibly hard and successfully obtained community project funding of \$500,000 to expand to a 10,000 square foot health center, tripling healthcare services for our community.

The facility will serve 10,000 patients and offer primary care like medical, dental, and behavioral health services. I saw it myself. It is incredible. This increases healthcare access to people living in that part of Detroit that is right now designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration as a "health professional shortage area" and a medically underserved area.

Again, I am incredibly proud and congratulate the CEO there, Joslyn Pettway, and the Covenant Community Care staff for their ongoing partnership to serve and care for our communities and residents.

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#### COMMENDING VIRGINIA BEACH LIFEGUARDS

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

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the

Virginia Beach lifeguards on a successful summer season and to thank them for keeping our beaches in Hampton Roads safe.

Lifeguards are an essential part of any community, but back home in Virginia's Second District, the Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service has protected our oceanfront since 1930. Their mission of promoting beach safety protects not only the citizens of Virginia Beach but the millions of visitors we have each year.

Lifeguarding is one of the top choices for people searching for summer jobs, including my two sons. While it is a rewarding job, it is also a challenging one that demands personal responsibility.

Beaches and oceans are dynamic natural environments. Crowd conditions, currents, waves, sharks, and other weather conditions can rapidly change, putting swimmers in grave danger.

The average number of people saved each summer is between 400 to 600, but during this year's summer season, which extended from May 13 to September 17, the Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service performed more than 800 rescues on the beaches they patrol.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank our lifeguards for the level of skill they bring to this job and what they do for Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads. Congratulations to the Virginia Beach Lifesaving Service on a successful summer season.

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#### CONGRATULATING THE WORLD SERIES CHAMPION TEXAS RANGERS

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

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, they say that everything is bigger in Texas, and that includes our pride for our very first World Series win. Yes, I also rise to celebrate the World Series champions, the Texas Rangers.

On Wednesday, the Rangers clinched their first World Series win against the Arizona Diamondbacks. I don't mean to rub it in the face of my colleagues from the Grand Canyon State, but we warned you we could—and we would—come and take it.

This week our Rangers went and took it.

I was lucky enough to represent north Texas as the first Black Democratic woman to play in the Congressional Baseball Game this year. While I may not have the arm of Josh Sborz or the speed of two-time MVP Corey Seager, you best believe our Rangers have inspired me to score some runs next year.

While this may be our first World Series win, mark my words, it will not be our last.

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#### SOUTHERN BORDER GOT-AWAY

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, we have had an active 2 weeks in which we have been passing appropriations bills, and the Speaker should be commended on that. Unfortunately, all the activity with regard to the new Speaker and appropriations bills has caused the press to have an excuse not to pay attention to what is going on at the border.

In recently released figures with regard to September, one more time we see record numbers of people coming across our southern border. Compared to a year ago, the number of what we call got-aways, which I think is the most dangerous of the immigrant groups, has shot up from 58 percent to 69 percent, almost a 20 percent increase over last year's already high figure. Last year they shot up to 49 percent.

I think, as well, not only do we have a huge problem with people coming across the border that shouldn't be coming across, but we should also be paying attention to the viewpoint of the people coming across.

John Adams warned that our Constitution was fit for a moral, religious people and totally unfit for any other kind. As the United States has to take sides around the world in conflicts, we should be paying particular attention to how our new wave of immigrants think.

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#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF EARL BLUMENAUER

(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 today to recognize my friend, colleague, and fellow Oregonian, Congressman EARL BLUMENAUER. Throughout his 50 years of public service, EARL has always been a consistent and vocal advocate for Oregon values.

He helped pioneer the fight against climate change long before others were doing the same, and his commitment to building healthy communities and a healthy planet through public transit and cycling was unmatched. In fact, he wore it proudly every day in the form of that iconic bicycle pin on his lapel.

I know I speak for the entire Oregon delegation when we say that EARL will be sorely missed in Congress. He leaves behind a legacy of service and dedication to making life better for working families not only in our State but across our great country.

I wish him and his family all the best in his new chapter.

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#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 37 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday next, November 6, 2023, at noon for morning-hour debate.