

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as chair of the Congressional Western Caucus to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Western Energy Alliance, an important ally who understands the critical choices that Congress faces on the future of American energy policies.

For the past 50 years, the alliance has helped inform Members of Congress in a bipartisan fashion about Federal policies impacting energy production, conservation, and public lands management.

Since 1974, they have been a strong advocate for balancing American production and protecting the environment.

The small and mid-sized businesses that make up the alliance understand that our Nation is at an inflection point. We can either follow the policies that make American energy secure and a beacon to the rest of the world, or we can follow the path through the briar patch of the President's whole-of-government approach and tie the hands of American energy producers.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support America's energy strength and, because of that, support the work done by the Western Energy Alliance.

#### PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE OF ALL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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

(English translation of the statement made in Hawaiian is as follows:)

Mr. Speaker, each February, Hawaii celebrates Hawaiian Language Month. Olelo Hawaii is more than just a language; it is the carrier of history and culture.

We all have a responsibility and duty to preserve and protect the language and culture of all indigenous people.

Long live the Hawaiian language.

Aloha e ka luna ho'omalū,

I kēlā me kēia Pepeluali e ho'omaika'i a e paipai aku ko Hawai'i pae 'āina i ka Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

'O ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i 'a'ole ia he 'ōlelo wale no. 'O ia nō he pilina i nā mo'olelo me ka mo'omeheu kekahi.

He kuleana kā kākou e mālama a e kia'i i nā mo'omeheu me nā 'ōlelo o ka po'e 'ōiwi āpau.

E ola ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i!

Hō'ae aku au iā 'oe e ka luna ho'omalū.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Hawaii will provide the Clerk a translation of her remarks.

#### HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL SPOUSES

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

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the House.

Being a Member of Congress is no walk in the park, but we often forget to recognize the commitment and sacrifices our spouses make to allow us to do our job.

As the year only gets busier and busier with children, summer breaks, sporting events, and their own careers, I want to profoundly thank each and every husband and wife of a Member of Congress. They absolutely tackle it all.

To all the congressional spouses, especially my lovely bride, Leslie, we appreciate you, your vision for our family, your grace on all the hard days, your courage to push past the noise of this place, and your constant support.

We absolutely could not do this without you.

#### HONORING 9-YEAR-OLD BETHANY MOULTRY FOR HER DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY

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

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor 9-year-old Bethany Moultry, a constituent in my district, for her amazing work in providing care packages for the homeless across the Hudson Valley.

Through her nonprofit organization, Bethany's Happy Bags for the Homeless, Bethany and her mother have delivered food, first aid kits, toiletries, and smiles to people in need across our community.

Along with her mother, Colleen Moultry, Bethany began Bethany's Happy Bags for the Homeless in December 2020 when it was her birthday wish to help people in need in her community.

As word began to spread over Facebook, the Moultrys began proactively receiving supplies and funding from all across our community and over time from all across our country. It has now developed into a movement across our Nation inspiring other young people to do the same.

This project has formed into a much larger act of service, and community members have joined together to donate to the Moultrys' cause.

These efforts have led to over 5,000 Happy Bags distributed to the people who need them the most in our community.

Just a few months ago, I had the privilege to meet Bethany and her family, to recognize her, to commend her, and also to thank her for her help making Valentine's Day special for the veterans in our community. She does a lot across our community.

Mr. Speaker, I want every single person across the country to recognize Bethany and know that our whole community shares that pride in her.

#### CELEBRATING INVEST IN VETERANS WEEK

(Mr. ROSENDALE asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate this week as Invest in Veterans Week as proclaimed by Montana Governor Gianforte.

Currently, nearly 9 percent of the Treasure State's population is made up of veterans. There are over 78,000 veterans in Montana, the fifth highest population of veterans per capita of any State.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent a State so deeply rooted in military history. Businesses owned by veterans employ over 5 million people and generate over \$1 trillion in revenue annually.

Whether that be through starting their own farm, ranch, or small business, many of our Nation's heroes come home to their families and communities ready and eager to find ways they can continue to benefit and serve our communities.

By investing in our veterans, we are able to provide them with the resources that they need to continue to use their exceptional talents and skills that benefit all of us.

Investing in our veterans should not be limited to just this week, but it should be our mission all year round.

#### CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, March 8, 2024, to celebrate International Women's Day.

Thirty years ago, in 1994, at the suggestion of my friend Beata Pozniak, who is with us here today, I introduced H.J. Res. 316 in the House of Representatives to have Congress designate March 8 as International Women's Day.

In this year 2024, International Women's Day has special importance. Today, as women's rights are under attack, we rededicate ourselves to fight for gender equality, reproductive rights, pay equity, maternal health, and preventing violence against women.

The United Nations has selected the theme "Inspire Inclusion" for International Women's Day in 2024.

Here in the House of Representatives, let us inspire women's inclusion and honor women in the United States and around the world.

#### CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER MUSCATINE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

(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, I rise today to celebrate the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine's 25th anniversary.

For a quarter of a century, the community foundation has been a beacon of hope, supporting countless initiatives that enhance the quality of life for Muscatine residents.

Since 1999, the foundation has granted over \$47 million to support vital charitable programs and projects to families, children, veterans, the homeless, and food. You name it; they do it all.

As we recognize their 25th anniversary, we must also recognize the countless individuals and organizations who have been part of their journey.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Community Foundation for 25 years of transforming lives and creating opportunities in Muscatine.

Go Hawks.

#### COMMENDING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida for their unwavering commitment to uplifting and celebrating the contributions of Black-owned businesses in the central Florida community for over 75 years.

This weekend, the chamber will host its 20th annual Eagle Awards, a culmination of two decades of the chamber's efforts to spotlight central Florida's most dynamic businesses and entrepreneurs.

This award ceremony is a celebration of resilience, innovation, and community building, reflecting on the impact these businesses have on driving the growth and development of our diverse business landscape.

Over the last decade, Black-owned businesses have grown exponentially in central Florida, yet access to capital remains a limiting factor to the success.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting our local chambers of commerce that champion minority-owned businesses and bring forth legislation to address the specific challenges faced by Black- and minority-owned entrepreneurs to create a future where every entrepreneur has the opportunity to thrive.

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#### BRING OUR BORDER UNDER CONTROL

(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, I, like many Americans, thought when the Governors of Texas and Florida began transporting illegal immigrants to blue cities or sanctuary cities across the

country that change would follow. It did not.

Last October, New York City Mayor Eric Adams, a Democrat, went to Mexico to send a message that there was "no more room in New York." Even our Nation's largest city cannot sustain more than 100,000 illegal immigrants in less than 2 years.

Yet, the President has continued his open-border policies and his unprecedented catch and release operation. He and his administration also continue peddling the falsehood that our borders are secure.

Now, Mayor Adams is reported to have made arrangements to bus immigrants back to the border. There is a reason for this. It is not racist or anti-immigrant. It is because the President's policy is unsustainable. I stand with the many Tennesseans I represent who embrace legal immigration but who want to see our border brought under control.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### HONORING HYDEIA BROADBENT

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hydeia Broadbent, a Las Vegas native who turned her life's biggest challenge into a powerful message of hope.

Born with HIV, Hydeia wasn't expected to live past her early childhood, but she defied those odds, living until 39 before passing away last week.

She dedicated her life to educating others about HIV/AIDS. She appeared on national platforms, telling everyone that life with HIV is still a life full of potential.

At age 12, she said: "I am the future, and I have AIDS. I can do anything I put my mind to." She did, making every day count and inspiring us all to do the same.

Hydeia's legacy is a testament to the power of resilience, hope, and the impact one person can have. As we remember her today, let's carry her message of positivity and determination forward. May God bless Hydeia Broadbent.

#### BLOOMINGDALE, GEORGIA, CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(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 the city of Bloomingdale, Georgia, which is soon to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its incorporation into Chatham County.

Bloomingdale was founded in the 1830s as an agricultural community situated along the Central Georgia Rail-

way Line with an economy dependent on the farming and rail sectors. In 1974, the rural, close-knit community was incorporated into Chatham County. Now, Bloomingdale is home to nearly 2,800 residents.

As the city has grown, its history has been preserved through sites such as Veterans Freedom Park and the Bloomingdale History Museum.

Locals take pride in the city's festivals and attractions, such as the annual Easter egg hunt and fireworks celebration on July Fourth. The city's geographical attributes provide ample opportunities to engage in popular outdoor activities, including fishing and canoeing.

Overall, Bloomingdale offers something for everyone, making it an excellent location to call home. I am proud to represent the city's residents, as well as those in the surrounding communities.

#### RESTORING CIVILITY AND DECENCY

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

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, when you get elected to Congress, you have a choice to make. You can work hard on legislation, you can work hard to build relationships across the aisle and get things done, or you can go join the circus.

Too many of my colleagues choose the latter, to join the circus, to engage in performative politics. Mr. Speaker, last night the clown show was on full display by the House Republican Conference, continually interrupting, disrupting the President.

Mr. Speaker, in my time here, I have voted for Speaker 19 times. I have voted for four continuing resolutions. I see a House Republican Conference totally incapable of governing and totally incapable of keeping the clowns in check.

The yelling and screaming at the President was shameful. It was a disgrace. In 2009, JOE WILSON yelled at President Obama and said: "You lie," and the cat came out of the bag. What happened last night was absolutely unacceptable.

We need to do so much better. We deserve so much better for the United States of America. We need to restore civility, decency, and respect to the United States Congress.

#### SOUTHERN BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the insulting campaign speech last night of President Biden was correctly identified today as vitriolic by Gary David and Christopher Thompson of WVOC Radio in Columbia.