

need has been a constant motivation throughout his career. His deep understanding of the noble responsibility entrusted to him as a guardian of the community was always evident.

Sergeant Lovren exemplified his commitment to protecting the community during the May 6, 2023, mass shooting at the Allen Premium Outlets, displaying exceptional bravery and professionalism in the face of intense adversity.

His passion for his profession was recognized not only by his colleagues but also by the community he served, as evidenced by commendations and accolades throughout his tenure.

Beyond the call of duty, Sergeant Lovren is active in various outreach programs in his community and is a devoted family man to his wife, Lendsie, and their three children, Alice, Hunter, and Libby.

As he embarks on this new chapter of his life, I commend Sergeant Lovren for his outstanding contributions to law enforcement and the community, and I want to extend my congratulations and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

#### CELEBRATE THE BICYCLE

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I am here this morning on the occasion of the 24th annual National Bike Summit to celebrate the bicycle. It was an honor to kick off the annual bicycle ride through the Capitol this morning with several hundred enthusiasts.

We had a lot to celebrate. The infrastructure bill, the Inflation Reduction Act, has unleashed unprecedented investments. We have \$1 billion a year for the Safer Streets for All Act, and we have already \$1.7 billion committed. There are over 1,000 communities that are dealing with plans for their bicycle network.

Madam Speaker, there is a lot of dissonance here on Capitol Hill. You may have noticed that it is hard sometimes for people to agree, but we are celebrating bike partisanship.

The bicycle brings people together to be able to burn calories instead of fossil fuel. It is the most efficient form of transportation ever designed.

There are exciting programs internationally. The World Bicycle Relief program has distributed three-quarters of a million bicycles to developing countries. A health professional in sub-Saharan Africa with a bicycle can see three times as many patients and do so more safely.

We have opportunities in terms of being able to extend the range of activities for our children. Legislation I have been working on for years in terms of the Safe Routes to School Program has been extended to include high schools now.

I started the week watching grade school bike bus with young people sur-

rounded by a rope moving as a bus on their way to school.

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The bicycle helps eliminate the congestion around our schools in the morning, and it gives young people a sense of freedom while it encourages their health.

During the pandemic, people turned to the bicycle for recreation in a way that was safe, and it extended their recreational experience.

Bicycle tourism is having a profound effect in rural and small-town America as people discover the joy of looking at the countryside at 10 miles an hour instead of 70. It is also good for the economy because people on bicycles tend to actually spend more than people who are racing through neighborhoods.

This notion of burning calories instead of fossil fuel, I think, is profound. We are working to extend activities for e-bikes. Part of our legislation has more e-bike charging stations, and the e-bike makes any bicycle commuter into a regular, effective commuter, extending their range.

It has contributed here on Capitol Hill. When I first came, there were a few of us who were biking. You would see an occasional bike messenger, but now we are looking at massive investments even in our Nation's Capital.

One of the things I am most proud of is bicycle lanes in the center of perhaps America's most iconic street, Pennsylvania Avenue. There is a whole range of investments that have been made in our Nation's Capital to make it more livable.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to greet these bicycle warriors, welcome them to Capitol Hill, learn about the opportunities in this new legislation, and then work with them to implement it in their relationships. After all, the bicycle is the indicator species of livable communities.

#### HOUSE OF MEDICINE IS IN CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MURPHY. Madam Speaker, the house of medicine is crumbling down.

I have been a physician now for 35 years, and I spent 10 years prior to that training to become a surgeon. However, the house of medicine is in crisis.

Since the pandemic, medicine, a truly objective science, has become political. It has become a field of activism, not advocacy: believe the science, and then don't trust the science.

The record of preauthorizations now facing physicians and surgeons leads to poor patient care, burnout, early retirement, and massive administrative costs. Insurance companies are raking in record profits for their CEOs and shareholders by denying patients critical medicine or procedures and then not paying the doctors or hospitals, the ones who actually deliver the care.

The cost of medications is skyrocketing. One primary reason is something called PBMs, pharmacy benefit managers, that most people don't know anything about. These things are extortion artists driven by insurance companies to steal money from pharmaceutical companies and, most importantly, patients.

Madam Speaker, a pet peeve of mine is every other commercial seen on television is direct-to-consumer advertising. We are only one of two countries in the world, New Zealand being the other one, that allows this.

I have never once in my 35 years in medicine prescribed a medicine that was because somebody advertised it on television. Now, we have hospital closures in every district because we are restricting access to care because Medicare and Medicaid do not pay the bills. Yet, we have Democrats screaming: Medicare for All. That absolutely would lower the standard of medicine.

The express purpose of the ACA, ObamaCare, is to drive private practice out of business and for us all to be under one government-payer system.

What is happening? We are now employing more and more doctors and delivering a lower standard of care. These doctors, good people, really now have more ownership to a clock than their patient. We no longer have the work ethic that is seen in doctors as was seen before. It is 5 o'clock. It is time to leave. There is an absolute loss of patient ownership.

Madam Speaker, when I was seeing patients full time, if a physician called me to see a patient, my answer was: Do you want me to see them today or tomorrow?

It was not: Send them to the emergency room.

Now, it takes a year. I tried to get an appointment with a dermatologist for a patient. It took a year because of the severe doctor shortage. It is estimated that 40,000 to 120,000 more doctors are needed in a decade.

Sadly enough, our medical schools, while they are increasing in numbers, are failing in the doctors that they produce. We now have more identity politics in medical schools than excellence in care. Activism in so many schools now is the oath. DEI is the oath to get into medical school. This needs to stop.

It has now been shown that 63 percent of medical students now in medical school do not plan on practicing clinical medicine. There are medical students who come, take up a slot, and rarely practice. Why are medical schools allowing these individuals to get in?

There are increasing numbers of fellowships after residency programs because we have work-hour limitations, and the students are just not well-trained to come out and practice.

Burnout is at a record high, sadly, amongst physicians. I can understand that in a physician who has practiced until they are 65 or 70, but now we have

millennials coming out of medical school that have high burnout rates.

The AAMC, the Association of American Medical Colleges, is more concentrated on activism than excellence.

With doctors' pay being cut yet again, what do Senate Democrats and House Democrats want to do in a time of a critical doctor shortage? Cut physician pay yet again. There has been a 26 percent cut over the last 20 years. If you buy hammers for a store, how can you sell them at 40 cents and expect to stay in business?

I ran a surgical practice for many, many years. I knew where every paperclip went. You can't stay in business. We want to drive physicians out of private practice and into physician unemployment.

My colleagues can't do this to medicine. Why has physician pay become a partisan issue? We are destroying the trust in the patient-doctor relationship. Physicians are leaving because they can't get paid and physician burnout.

Madam Speaker, the house of medicine is in crisis.

#### REMEMBERING WASHINGTON STATE LANDSLIDE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today on a solemn occasion.

A decade ago this week, Washington State confronted one of the worst natural disasters in its history. On the morning of March 22, a hillside near the communities of Oso and Darrington collapsed, creating a devastating landslide that killed 43 people in just seconds. It was and still remains the single deadliest landslide in U.S. history.

Karen Pszonka lost six members of her family, including her daughter, Katie, and grandsons, Wyatt and Hunter. Three generations of her family were wiped out in less than 2 minutes along with so many others.

In the aftermath of this landslide, I authored the National Landslide Preparedness Act, which was signed into law in 2021. It has been a vital resource for communities to better identify, plan for, and respond to landslides in the years since.

The law expands early warning systems, improves mapping technology, and provides States with grants to improve preparedness. The landslide law expires in a few months.

Madam Speaker, I recently introduced bipartisan legislation with Congresswomen SCHRIER and GLUESENKAMP PEREZ and Senators CANTWELL and MURKOWSKI to keep these programs going. This law passed with strong bipartisan support last time. We must do this again to ensure that the next natural disaster does not become the next national tragedy.

#### HONORING BENNY HAWKINS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Benny Hawkins for being named the 17th Annual PGA Tour Georgia Section Junior Tour Player of the Year.

The PGA Tour includes the greatest professional golfers of all time, and the Junior League showcases the golfers of tomorrow. Winning the 11–13 age division, Benny is well on his way to becoming an exceptional golfer.

This outstanding program helps to develop and equip young golfers ages 11 to 18 for success in collegiate programs and beyond. Opportunities such as these are incredibly important for molding well-rounded students like Benny. His success and commitment serve as an example to our younger generation.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to seeing what the future holds for this talented young golfer, and I congratulate Benny.

#### HONORING REPRESENTATIVE PENNY HOUSTON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Representative Penny Houston, on her well-earned retirement.

Elected in 1997, Representative Houston has faithfully served Nashville, Georgia, as a State representative for 26 years. Representative Houston has been appointed to an extensive list of special committees, where she has helped ensure quality healthcare, agricultural prosperity, and a strong economy in her region of rural Georgia.

Additionally, she currently serves as the chair of the Georgia House of Representatives' Appropriations Subcommittee on Economic Development and as an active member of Nashville United Methodist Church, Nashville Women's Club, Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes, and more.

Representative Houston exemplifies what it means to be a public servant and to represent your community faithfully.

Ready to spend more time enjoying her family, which includes three children and six grandchildren, Representative Houston has decided not to run for reelection. Yet, even in retirement, she plans to find new ways to serve her community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating my friend and former colleague, Representative Houston, on her upcoming retirement.

#### HONORING CAROL BELL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Carol Bell for being honored as Woman of the Year by the group United Way of the Coastal Empire.

Born in Selma, North Carolina, Carol Evelyn Hodges Bell received an M.P.A. from the University of Georgia along with a B.S. in mathematics and a master's in divinity and Christian education from Shaw University.

Ms. Bell's life of service began in 1976, when she was elected as the first African-American female manager for the city of Savannah.

Ms. Bell has held many other leadership roles serving Savannah as well, such as being on the Governor's Children and Youth Coordinating Council, UNCF's telethon, and Gamma Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Moreover, she has served as mayor pro tem and alderperson-at-large on the city council.

Presently, Ms. Bell serves as an alderperson at large, post 1, for the city of Savannah.

Mr. Speaker, Carol is a true public servant, someone who is very deserving of this award.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK VANDE LINDE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Frank Vande Linde, who passed away at the age of 99.

Frank was a part of the Greatest Generation. He grew up during the Great Depression and graduated from Scott High School in 1943.

After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served on Liberty ships as a gunner, and he fought in the Allied invasion of Normandy and in the Pacific. His achievements earned him the rank of third-class petty officer.

After the war, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in forestry from West Virginia University, followed by his master's degree from Duke University.

In 1950, Frank married Mona Kathleen Lynch and moved to Brunswick, Georgia, in Glynn County. Frank managed the nursery and genetics program at Brunswick Pulp and Paper as a senior research forester until retiring in 1989.

After retiring, Frank went on to serve his community. He was an elder at the First Presbyterian Church, chairman of the city park and tree commission, and a member of the Manna House.

Mr. Speaker, Frank will be remembered as a true patriot who served his country and community well.

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#### PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM RAMPANT FORMS OF ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. MCCLELLAN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to underscore the pressing need to protect Americans from rampant forms of online sexual harassment.

With the widespread adoption of social media, dating apps, and other technologies, we are seeing a concerning rise in inappropriate online behavior that impacts users, including our own children.

For too long, Congress has failed to pass legislation that keeps up with the