

Carolina, Elizabeth City State University.

We are getting it done because of the distinguished faculty, such as Thorpe Endowed Professor and Dean, Dr. Kuldeep Rawat.

Dr. Rawat received the Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Service.

He is making a profound impact through his dedication to education and community engagement, as well.

Dr. Rawat has excelled in academia and has also significantly contributed to public service, particularly through initiatives like NASA Aerospace Academy and the Mobile STEM Lab, which have enriched the lives of thousands in our underserved and rural region.

His commitment extends well beyond the classroom. He works to ensure that students in the surrounding region can envision a brighter future.

We celebrate his well-deserved award, and I say: Viking Pride.

#### RECOGNIZING BOBBY CHRISTINE

(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 Bobby Christine for being promoted to the rank of major general in U.S. Army National Guard.

His career began as a student at the University of Georgia and Samford Law. He also attended Georgia Military College where he was positioned as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

During the 1990s, Major General Christine continued to serve in military affairs as a lawyer for the field. His responsibilities ranged from guiding commanders on rules of engagement to prosecuting and defending military personnel at trial.

For his skills and leadership, Major General Christine also served as the senior lawyer in the Georgia National Guard, brigadier general for a JAG in the National Guard, and U.S. Attorney for Georgia's Southern and Northern Districts.

Now, he has made history as the first Reserve component officer in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps to achieve the status of major general. His hard work is recognized by his family, friends, others, and myself, and I look forward to witnessing his future accomplishments.

#### OBAMACARE'S 14TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday the Affordable Care Act is turning 14 years old.

Despite relentless challenges and efforts by MAGA Republicans to repeal it over 50 times in the last 14 years, the

Affordable Care Act remains in effect and continues to provide millions of individuals and families with access to affordable healthcare.

A record of more than 21 million Americans are enrolled in quality healthcare under the Affordable Care Act in 2023, including more than 3.5 million Texans.

Today, more Americans have health insurance than under any other President in history, for which I thank President Obama.

Democrats have made sure that more Americans than ever before are getting covered under the Affordable Care Act. We will continue to put people over politics, to lower healthcare costs, and to ensure that every American can get the care that they need.

Happy birthday to ACA ObamaCare.

#### HONORING FIRST SERGEANT WAYNE EDELEN

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor First Sergeant Wayne Edelen who served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars.

In 1952, he was deployed to Korea where he spent 8 months in combat and earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge. After that, he was sent back to the United States for a while, then reenlisted and served in Japan for 1 year. Then he was deployed to Korea again for 1 year.

He then spent 3½ years in Germany before coming back to the United States where he served as the senior instructor of ROTC at the University of California, Santa Barbara. After that, he served as a drill instructor for new recruits at Fort Polk army base in Louisiana.

In 1968, he deployed to Vietnam where he participated in combat operations and earned his second Combat Infantryman's Badge. He also earned the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroism in ground combat.

Wayne left Vietnam in June of 1969 to return to Fort Polk as a drill instructor. He retired from the Army in October 1971, with the rank of first sergeant.

He eventually made the wise decision to move to Tennessee and has lived in Blount County since 2010. We are so glad to have him in our community. I am glad that he is a constituent of mine.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Edelen served and sacrificed for our country for many years, and I am pleased to honor him as Tennessee Second District's Veteran of the Month.

#### HOUSING ACTION PLAN

(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, at its core, the American Dream is about owning a home. For far too many Americans, this has turned into a pipe dream.

Right now, there are more than 343,000 households in North Carolina who spend over one-half of their monthly income on rent, leaving too little for other expenses like healthcare, transportation, and nutritious food.

That is why I am proud to have worked on a commonsense action plan that outlines some of the work that we have done already and what we need to do to address the affordable housing crisis we are facing across the country.

This plan addresses our housing supply, reforms to land use policies, improves housing financing, and much more.

As a vice chair of the New Dem Affordable Housing Task Force, I will continue to put forward commonsense ideas and solutions to build more affordable housing, increase affordable housing access, and tackle this crisis.

#### RECOGNIZING SECRETARY MARCIA FUDGE

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Secretary Marcia Fudge for her outstanding career and significant achievements as she prepares to retire from the President's Cabinet as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Secretary Fudge's steadfast career in public service, beginning as mayor of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, is an example for all of us who work to serve our communities and our Nation.

Before becoming HUD Secretary, Ms. Fudge served as part of the Ohio congressional delegation in the House for 12 years. Serving on the House Agriculture Committee, she championed food and nutrition policies that are valued in Ohio and throughout the Nation.

I thank and congratulate Secretary Fudge on her accomplishments and contributions that have led to a more prosperous Ohio and stronger America and wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

#### NATIONAL BLOOD CLOT AWARENESS MONTH

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

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, March is National Blood Clot Awareness Month. One American every 6 minutes dies from a blood clot, which is why yesterday I unveiled a virtual toolkit to raise awareness, promote action, and inspire advocacy because blood clots don't discriminate.

As a Member of Congress and a member of the Health Subcommittee, this issue is a professional one for me and the 100,000 Americans who die, but, as LISA, this is personal.

Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago, I lost my husband Charles Rochester to blood clots. His death shook me to the core and inspired me to act. That is why I introduced the bipartisan Charles Rochester Blood Clot Prevention and Treatment Act.

Recently, my family was, again, impacted by blood clots. My dad was diagnosed with cancer. The second leading cause of death for people with cancer is blood clots. Dad contracted a blood clot in his leg and his arm, but because I knew the signs, we were able as a family to have 4 more months with him. He passed away in January.

Mr. Speaker, today for our loved ones and our constituents, let's raise awareness, and let's advocate. Let's act to stop the clot, spread the word, and save lives.

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#### RECOGNIZING MAJOR JARED L. PERRY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Jared L. Perry, a major in the United States Marine Corps, an exemplary North Carolinian, and a proud native of Ashe County.

On April 5, Major Perry will officially retire after 16 years of service to our Nation, a record of service that is admirable and respected.

His service to our Nation has led him to travel to Central and South America on the USS *Iwo Jima*, to Afghanistan, where he served two combat tours, as well as to the Indo-Pacific. No matter where he has traveled to in service to our Nation, one thing has remained the same: his commitment to advancing and safeguarding the values and freedom that make America the greatest country in the world.

I congratulate Major Perry on his well-earned retirement. The entire Nation thanks him for his service and sacrifice, and we are forever grateful.

#### UKRAINE-ISRAEL AID

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

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call out the hypocrisy of Republicans who claim they want to support our democratic allies but won't put words to action.

The Speaker is leading a delegation to Normandy to commemorate the defeat of a destructive, brutal dictator by the United States and its Allies in World War II, yet he refuses to bring forward the Senate emergency aid bill

that would help our democratic ally Ukraine defeat one of today's most brutal dictators, Vladimir Putin.

That very same Senate bill would also provide much-needed support to our democratic ally Israel as it continues its battle against the terrorist group Hamas, which savagely attacked Israel on October 7 and continues to hold more than 100 hostages, including Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my good friends on the other side of the aisle: Will Republicans stand up to the far-right extremists and call for the Speaker to bring the Senate aid bill to the floor?

In the name of defending freedom and democracy, I urge my colleagues to do what the majority knows is right for our country and the future of the free world.

#### RECA EXCLUSION

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

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to express our grave disappointment that neither the extension nor the expansion of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act is included in this spending bill.

Decades ago, our government dumped radioactive waste in communities all across the country, including in my district. To this day, many of my constituents are sick and dying because of their exposure. World War II is still killing people in my district.

We were wronged by the Federal Government. Rather than taking responsibility to make it right, Congress couldn't spare a dime on this bipartisan issue, this bipartisan effort, to compensate the victims. Why is it that we always have money for endless war but never enough to repair the harm war has caused?

It is past time that this body gets its priorities straight, takes full responsibility, cleans up this waste, and compensates those who have been harmed. The majority has 78 days.

#### HONORING WARRANT OFFICERS CASEY FRANKOSKI AND JOHN GRASSIA

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to mourn the tragic loss of two soldiers of the National Guard who called our capital region in New York home.

On March 8, 2024, Chief Warrant Officers 2 Casey Frankoski of Rensselaer and John Grassia of Rotterdam tragically perished in a helicopter accident in Texas. They deeply embodied a commitment of service to others.

Chief Warrant Officer Frankoski was on the cusp of achieving a bachelor's degree in emergency management and

was connected to many community organizations, including serving as a volunteer firefighter and a member of the Environmental Conservation Corps.

Chief Warrant Officer Grassia served as a cybersecurity analyst with the New York State Department of Homeland Security and, most recently and proudly, as a New York State trooper.

This week, these heroes were brought home and met with the honors and recognitions deserving of their incredible bravery and sacrifice. My heart goes out to the vast universe of family, friends, and loved ones left behind and shattered by this truly terrible loss. They have left us too soon but will forever be remembered and treasured by all who loved them. Their memories and their service will serve as a beacon for all in our capital region community and beyond.

#### HONORING TERRENCE J. BOYLAN

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Terrence J. Boylan, who passed away last month at the age of 85.

Terry lived a life dedicated to public service and leaving the world in a better place than he found it. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Terry was commissioned out of Newport, Rhode Island, and served as a weapons officer aboard the USS *Cromwell* and USS *DeLong* after graduating from St. John's University.

He proudly served our country in uniform and remembered the Navy fondly as one of the best times of his life. He even married his wife, Virginia E. Mahoney, from Cranston, Rhode Island, at the Newport Naval Station Chapel. They settled in Barrington, Rhode Island, where Terry served as principal of the Henry Barnard Lab School in Providence, and later moved to Marblehead, Massachusetts, where he served as an elementary school principal for nearly three decades.

During his years working in education, Terry left an indelible mark on the next generation. The Boylans retired to Cape Cod, and after the passing of his wife in 2015, Terry returned to Rhode Island to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

I join Terry's family—Terrence Jr., Jennifer, Terrence III, and Tanner—and his loved ones in celebrating his extraordinary life.

#### END CANCER CLUSTERS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give dignity and respect to the victims of pollution across America, those who have suffered from toxic catastrophes, like the train derailment in