

Whether working for Senator MARK KELLY, or any one of many Democratic partner groups and committees over the years, Rahul was determined to build a career that would make the world a fairer and more just place.

What was especially inspiring about him was the pure exuberance he took in being a mentor to the members of his team, often coupled with an irreverent sense of humor and kind word.

Rahul will be remembered for his signature laugh, encyclopedic knowledge, and a generosity of spirit that was incandescent.

Survived by his parents and brother, he will be missed terribly by us all.

HONORING GEORGE LEWIS "BUD" DYER

(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 honor the life of George Lewis "Bud" Dyer. Bud passed away on Easter Sunday, surrounded by his loved ones.

Born in 1939 in Daytona Beach, Florida, Bud's life of service began when he joined the Navy in 1961. After his military service ended in 1969, Bud earned a degree from Florida State University.

Bud and his wife, Woodie, moved their children to Young Harris, Georgia, where Bud served as admissions director for Young Harris College for over 30 years. Bud also was a decades-long, trusted adviser to the college president and the Kappa Tau Omega fraternity.

So known and loved by the entire Young Harris community, he was widely referred to as "Uncle Bud" on campus.

Beyond his remarkable career, Bud also served the community as the first fire chief of the Young Harris Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years.

Bud was a dedicated member of Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church where he faithfully took on a variety of roles.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Woodie, his 4 children, and 10 grandchildren.

HONORING ELIZABETH GOMEZ

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Elizabeth Gomez. Elizabeth is a community advocate driven to effect positive change within underserved communities.

As a cofounder of the Integrated Community Collaborative, a coalition of parents and self-advocates fighting for individuals and families with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Elizabeth established the Community Outreach Integradoras program to ad-

dress disparities and inequities facing neurodiverse individuals, like her 17-year-old son, Oscar, who has Down syndrome, within California's support systems.

Elizabeth also serves on the Local Advisory Committee on Self-Determination for Westside Regional Center and previously served on the board of Disability Rights California.

As we celebrate Autism Acceptance Month, please join me in thanking Elizabeth for her tireless advocacy to strengthen accessibility and inclusion in our community.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

(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 April as the Month of the Military Child. This month, we focus on the children whose parents are defending our freedom at home and abroad.

These children are resilient. These children have courage. These children have strength. While they wake up, go to school, complete their homework, and participate in after-school activities like other children, they are also missing their mom or dad who may be deployed or away for training, yet they keep going.

Mr. Speaker, military children's strength and sacrifice does not go unnoticed. That is why, for the entire month of April, we raise awareness and give special recognition to military children.

Military children, youth, and teens deal with difficult emotions as they face concerns of their parents' safety along with a strong sense of pride for their parents' service.

Mr. Speaker, we must recognize the service and sacrifice our military children face. We thank them for their service, for their sacrifice, and for their bravery.

NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to once again recognize the National Day of Silence, a day when students and allies, especially in California's 19th Congressional District, speak up for the LGBTQ community by taking a vow of silence. By remaining silent for an entire day, they are highlighting the many challenges faced by our LGBTQ youth.

One student who is taking part is Sion from Delta High School in Aptos, California. Sion told me that one's statement doesn't have to be loud to be impactful. Instead, the National Day of Silence is powerful because it highlights not only the difficulties in discrimination but also the resiliency and solidarity of the LGBTQ community.

Sion believes that this day proves that yelling and outrage are not necessarily the only way to be heard and reminds us and reinforces our shared dreams of a world where love knows no bounds.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Sion and others for taking part in the National Day of Silence. Their willingness to be quiet for one day recognizes all of those with the will to speak up every day for the LGBTQ community.

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MAKING FORESTS SAFER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, we will soon be heading into fire season, unfortunately, in the West. What does that mean? Each year, hundreds of thousands, even millions, of acres of forestland are lost due to wildfire due to the nonmanagement of these lands.

The U.S. Forest Service needs to increase its pace and scale dramatically to get the work done out there that will make a forest safer and also use the product that we grow in this country. Since China is now buying a little less materials these days, the U.S. has gone from number two to number one as a wood importer.

Why in the heck are we importing wood products when we have the timber in our Western lands, which we have to instead watch burn year after year?

We could be putting jobs back in this country in these rural communities that have been boarded up in so many cases.

We are losing lumber mills every day because the Forest Service is not acting quickly enough or with the pace and scale that needs to be done. We need to have the jobs and harvest here and the healthy forests and much less wildfire that comes with all that.

It is a win-win-win. Let's get to work.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, Cleveland, Ohio, hosted the NCAA women's basketball Final Four. Americans and people around the globe were focused on the impressive talents of Caitlin Clark. As Iowa Hawkeyes matched up with defending champions LSU and undefeated champion University of South Carolina, something fantastic happened along the way.

Yes, this story just gets better. For the first time in NCAA tournament history, the women's championship game had higher viewership than the men's championship game. Sunday's women's championship had 18,870,000

viewers, while Monday's men's championship had only 14,820,000 viewers.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, you heard that right. The women had 4-plus million more viewers than the guys.

As someone who knows a thing or two about the strides women have made in this country, I can't express how proud I am of these women of sport and of women's accomplishments both on the basketball court and as representatives for the United States of America off the court truly writing a more robust and complete American history.

HONORING USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

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

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the University of South Carolina women's basketball team on winning the 2024 NCAA championship. In a tremendous demonstration of skill, teamwork, and depth, the Gamecocks clinched their third national title on April 7, 2024. It was the cherry on top of an undefeated season.

Coach Dawn Staley, whom I am proud to call a friend, deserves enormous praise. Despite losing all of last year's starters, Coach Staley built a remarkable and talented team of young recruits and transformed them into a cohesive unit.

Their dominance wasn't just about individual talent. A 37-point contribution from the bench in the championship game speaks volumes about their teamwork. Undoubtedly, this victory is a celebration of collective strength, sacrifice, and skillful leadership.

As the confetti settles and the celebrations continue, one thing is certain: The future of South Carolina women's basketball is bright, and we will all gather on Sunday to celebrate more.

Go Gamecocks.

VEGAS' WE THE PEOPLE STUDENT COMPETITORS

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

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our team of very bright students from West Career and Technical Academy in southern Nevada who will be competing this weekend in the national finals of the "We the People" civics competition.

These students have been learning all they can about our Constitution in preparation to be tested by seasoned lawyers and politicians from all around the country, but these kids aren't all future lawyers themselves. Many of them aspire to have diverse careers across medicine, science, and the arts. What ties them together is a commitment to being educated citizens, dedicated to developing their own opinions and exemplifying the best of our democracy.

I think we can all learn a thing or two about their passion for respecting diverse perspectives and finding common ground.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate them.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CAROLYN WILLIAMS

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Carolyn Williams. She was a mother, wife, grandmother, working professional, and, most importantly, an inspiration to our community.

Carolyn spent her long and successful career at Pacific Bell, where she blazed her path from telephone operator to upper management.

Carolyn was blessed with a beautiful family, including 27 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, and she made sure to attend every birthday, graduation, and family event.

Carolyn also dedicated time to her southern California community as an active member of her local union and a leader in her local PTA.

Carolyn leaves behind a beautiful legacy of service to her family and to the Orange County community. Her husband, Kenny, our community, and I will continue to celebrate her beautiful and long life for years to come.

LEADERSHIP ON UKRAINE AID

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, just hours ago in this Chamber, the Prime Minister of Japan asked this Congress: "Without U.S. support, how long before the hopes of Ukraine would collapse under the onslaught from Moscow?"

The answer is not long.

It has been 469 days since we last secured aid for Ukraine. That Ukrainians continue to mount a courageous and effective defense despite our inaction is a testament to their skill on the battlefield and their determination and courage to defend democracy.

They are running dangerously low on ammunition, however. They cannot prevail without our help.

I echo what Prime Minister Kishida said today: "The leadership of the United States is indispensable."

Let us not retreat from leadership. Let us not leave our Ukrainian allies without ammunition. America is the world's hope. Let us not fall short.

FUNDING BALTIMORE'S FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE

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

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to announce my introduction of

the Baltimore BRIDGE Relief Act. I thank the entire Maryland delegation for their united and unanimous cosponsorship of this bill.

As most know, on March 26, early in the morning, our Nation experienced a terrible tragedy when a large cargo ship collided into Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge, leading to the tragic loss of six lives and contributing to a major disruption of the Nation's supply chain.

With so much at stake, we must have a successful response to this American disaster. This bill is a step toward accomplishing everything we said we would do: 100 percent of the way, plain and simple.

We have a long path ahead of us, and I, along with my colleagues from every corner of America, remain committed to doing what we need to do to move us along the path of recovery and toward rebuilding this bridge.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members of this body to join me in voting to pass the Baltimore BRIDGE Relief Act.

SUPPORTING ISRAEL ASSISTANCE

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly stand in full support of the \$14.3 billion aid package to our ally, Israel.

Let me be clear. I stand firmly with Israel, and we must take swift and decisive action against Hamas.

It is heartbreaking that innocent people are caught in the crossfire, but we must honor the laws of armed conflict. We must never waver.

It is essential that we continue our efforts to defeat Hamas extremists and get all hostages back with their loved ones, hostages like Keith Siegel from North Carolina, who was known as a quiet and kind man. We must bring him home to his wife, Aviva, and his family.

Bring them home now. We must never ever lose focus here.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

(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, we need an immigration system that is safe, orderly, and fair. We have real challenges at the southern border. I have been there, and I have seen it.

There must be a fair process for those looking to come legally, and anyone who poses a danger to our country should be removed. The American people are counting on Congress to act.

Unfortunately, House Republicans prefer a problem to talk about rather than working together on a solution.

Last year, President Biden requested \$14 billion in funding for the border, including 1,300 new Border Patrol agents,