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Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Eitan Levy. Eitan Levy was a cab driver from Bat Yam. On October 7, 2023, Eitan called his son to let him know that he would be dropping off a passenger, and 15 minutes later, he called back again to tell his son about the Hamas attack.

Eitan's son heard him shouting and was told that a drone had landed on his father's car. His son stayed on the phone with his father until terrorists kidnapped him. Eitan was not heard from again.

In December, his family was notified that Eitan had been murdered by Hamas. His body is still being held by Hamas in Gaza to this day.

I stand here today to demand that Hamas release the body of Eitan, that it be released immediately to his family, as well as to release all remaining hostages. We must stand with Israel as it works to destroy Hamas and free its citizens wrongly held by the terrorist group.

It is time to bring Eitan's body home. It is time to bring them all home.

#### HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL DAN GABRIELLI

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Dan Gabrielli, who retires after 35 years with the Minnesota National Guard and the United States Air Force.

Under his leadership, the Minnesota Guard addressed complex challenges, including overseeing 59,000 COVID vaccines and massive domestic airlifts during Operation Capitol Response in 2021.

I first met General Gabrielli as the 133rd Airlift Wing commander, where his impact on shaping airmen to serve with dignity was unmistakable. His leadership led to frequent and high recognition for the 133rd.

In 2022, I witnessed his exemplary command at Task Force Holloman during Operation Allies Welcome, successfully resettling over 7,000 Afghans.

His commitment extends beyond his official office as he continues to advocate for Afghan refugees in his personal capacity.

Mr. Speaker, Brigadier General Gabrielli epitomizes selfless service and excellence. It is my greatest privilege to honor and thank Brigadier General Dan Gabrielli for his distinguished career and celebrate his well-deserved retirement.

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#### RECOGNIZING HARVEY "JACK" MURPHY

(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 Dr. Jack Murphy who passed away at the age of 74.

While attending Mercer University, Jack was introduced to Mrs. Peggy Jewel Womack, and they married in 1959. The couple remained in the area to allow Jack to begin his surgical residency at Macon Hospital.

After starting a family of three children, Dr. Murphy worked as a surgeon at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah. He also worked as the first team physician for local K-12 schools in Savannah, hoping to encourage kids to remain in sports and away from drugs and violence.

Dr. Murphy also served as the chairman of the St. Joseph's/Candler Central Credentials Committee and the Health System's Board of Directors. Nurses who noted Dr. Murphy's energetic and personable character gave him the nickname "Happy Jack." In 2006, the Georgia Medical Society honored Dr. Murphy's contributions with a "Healthcare Heroes" award.

Dr. Murphy will be remembered for his commitment to his family, his friends, and his community. His legacy of serving others will live on forever.

#### THE PROGRAM INC.

(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, I rise to recognize and congratulate The Program Inc., a mentorship program in our Ninth District of Ohio that exists to provide an opportunity for young boys to develop their social and life skills.

The program leads them to learn and deal effectively with the demands of everyday life. The organization's Tie Event paints a vivid picture of young boys finding guidance and inspiration in the absence of father figures.

Tramain Rayford, the CEO and co-founder, is committed to being that crucial figure for other young men. The Tie Event started with the simple act of teaching young boys how to tie a tie.

As Mr. Rayford reflects on what young men need, he emphasizes attributes of respect. Each boy receives a tie and learns to tie it. The young men are guided by 18-year-old Mr. Kyree King, whose 5-year journey with the organization transformed not just his skills but his self-respect and confidence.

In essence, The Program Inc.'s commitment to mentorship transcends the practicality of tying a tie. It becomes a narrative of personal growth and self-confidence and achieves the profound impact of positive mentorship on young lives.

#### HONORING AND REMEMBERING OFFICER DANIEL P. DIDATO

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember Officer Daniel P. DiDato, a dedicated servant to the town of East Fishkill for 19 years.

Tragically taken from us on December 18, Officer DiDato's legacy is one of unwavering commitment, camaraderie, and a passion for life that touched all who knew him.

Starting his career at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection in 2001 and joining the East Fishkill Police Department in 2005, Dan was a beacon of joy and strength in the East Fishkill community and amongst his fellow officers. Known for his quick wit, love of Marvel Comics, and an aficionado of pizza and other Italian cuisine, Dan connected with colleagues and friends through his humor, vast knowledge, and generous spirit.

Colleagues recall his spot-on impression, music recommendations, and heartfelt conversations. His presence brightened even the toughest days, leaving a lasting impression on everyone from seasoned officers to newcomers.

By honoring Officer DiDato here on the House floor, we celebrate a life of service, laughter, and profound impact. Dan was more than an officer, he was a beloved friend, a cherished community member, a beloved brother, and a true hero.

Thank you, Officer Daniel P. DiDato, for your service, your friendship, and the many lives you have touched. You will never be forgotten, and may God bless your family.

#### MOURNING THE LOSS OF MATTHEW PETER

(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 to mourn the heavy loss of Matt Peter, a friend to all and a rising star in our community whose light was cut short far too soon.

As a former chief of staff to the mayor of Albany, an Albany County legislator, and executive director of the Albany Parking Authority, Matt was a public servant in the truest sense of the word. His passion and love for his community shone through in everything he did, and he had a determination and the know-how to get things done to improve people's lives.

He accomplished so much during his years as a legislator, from helping modernize the parking authority to championing policies that provide mental health and substance use treatment. While his impact will continue

to resonate with all across Albany city and Albany County, Matt will be best remembered for his kindness, his intelligence, and immense spirit of service.

My prayers and deepest condolences go out to his fiancée, Corinne, his parents, Bill and Nancy; his siblings, Brian and Sara; and all of his many family and loved ones.

Rest in peace, my dear friend.

#### PRESIDENT BIDEN'S LNG DECISION

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, President Biden's decision to completely stall LNG exports is a gut punch to the American economy, and it serves as a serious detriment to both energy security and national security.

Has he forgotten that just last year our country led the entire world in LNG exports?

Think about the American jobs that have been sacrificed because of this decision as well. While President Biden decides to trudge down this irresponsible path, our Nation's adversaries are salivating.

This administration is so determined to attack and undercut American energy that it is willing to sacrifice our geopolitical footing to do so.

Instead of caving to the demands of the far left, President Biden would do well to put American energy first.

#### APPRECIATING EMPLOYEES AT THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORD CENTER

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

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, we are pretty good at attacking Federal workers around here, but we are not very good at praising them.

So I rise today to offer my profound appreciation for the hardworking employees at the National Personnel Records Center, who last week completed a huge achievement: They eliminated a large pandemic-related backlog of veteran records requests.

This is important to me, so I have been monitoring the situation closely. Veterans and their families rely on these records in order to access all the benefits that they have earned, as well as critical services, including housing and healthcare.

Due to restrictions in place to protect worker health and safety during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Personnel Record Center amassed a gigantic backlog of tens of thousands of unfilled veteran record requests.

Last Congress, as a consequence of bipartisan oversight and urging by leaders in the House, employees at the National Archives came to implement several critical new steps in order to

address this backlog, including enhanced and reorganized staffing levels, technology updates, and digitizing millions of paper records.

We owe great thanks to the employees of the National Personnel Record Center for a job well done and for their great commitment, their passionate hard work, and their unswerving devotion to eliminate this backlog for America's veterans. It was a true success story of Federal workers.

#### ADVOCATING FOR OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN

(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 advocate for our military men and women and their families and the work that needs to be done to improve their quality of life.

As a former Navy helicopter pilot, Navy spouse, and now-Navy mom, taking care of our military members is one of my top priorities. We can do better for our military, and there is much work to do.

Two weeks ago, I attended the funeral of Navy Commander Doug Morea. A Naval Academy graduate, Doug was an F-18 pilot who led a squadron during a recent 9½-month deployment on the USS Truman.

He died by suicide, and his death was one of seven naval aviator suicides since July of last year. As I stood in the parking lot talking to base leadership after his funeral, I asked: Why? Why do we continue to see so many military suicides and the number rise?

The base commanding officer spoke about the pressure even senior officers feel to care for their people, including the most junior sailor. Our country continues to ask our military, and specifically our Navy, to do missions around the world to keep the peace and defend the freedoms we hold dear.

In order for our military men and women to complete this mission, we must provide resources they need to do their job. That begins with ensuring they have the quality of life they deserve.

#### WILDFIRE RECOVERY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, as you know, the issue of wildfire in the West has been very devastating for several years now—many, many years—but there have been incredibly large fires in the last 5 and 7 to 10 years or so. So we have needed more and more help from FEMA post-fire.

So what we are working on is bipartisan legislation that is going to be called H.R. 7070 that will direct FEMA to update its regulations for the fire management assistance grant, public assistance, and mitigation programs.

This will help to respond to unique challenges of wildfires and improve wildfire mitigation after a fire, like debris removal, emergency protective measures, and impacts to drinking water sources. So it will help improve FEMA's cost-benefit analysis for wildfire projects to help them be more competitive for Federal funding.

I find this is extremely important in communities that are devastated after a fire, and it is still fairly new territory for FEMA when we are talking about the size and scope of fires we have had in recent years jumping from four- and five-digit size fires to six digits, hundreds of thousands, even 1 million acres like the Dixie fire in my district a couple years ago.

So this legislation will give FEMA more flexibility and better serve the people.

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#### IMMIGRATION AND THE CONSTITUTION

(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 give much respect to this book called the Constitution, which, if we read some of the opening comments made, it is said that the Declaration of Independence was the promise and the Constitution was the fulfillment.

It is a good roadmap and a good truth, so it disturbs me that the Governor of the State of Texas is standing up against the supremacy of the United States and the Constitution. Amendment 10 says: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively.

It is the responsibility of the United States Government to deal with immigration issues and, therefore, the Texas National Guard should not be militarized to stand up against the Border Patrol agents. Federal agents in the service of their Nation should be allowed to do their job and that is to secure the border, and they have been doing that.

Pass legislation is what this Congress must do to give further authority to the President of the United States, and those Border Patrol agents will follow the law. We need to ensure that the law is followed by the States and the Governors, and the law that the President upholds is a law that is supreme.

Mr. Speaker, follow the United States of America and that law.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.