

that, and it is going to help the almost half a million people who work in the industry, the \$40 billion a year of economic activity, eliminate the injustice, and perhaps, most of all, it will usher in a new era of protections because right now, somebody who buys their marijuana from a corner drug dealer in a park, that person has no license to lose. It doesn't check for ID.

Treating marijuana in a thoughtful fashion is going to help us solve the racial injustice that has been evidenced against Black, against young people.

It is going to be able to open up a whole array of cannabis products that will make a big difference in communities across the country.

Today's decision changes all of that, and there is no going back. In this troubled Congress, it will also pave the path for building on our bipartisan Cannabis Caucus, an example where people can come together to work on something that can unite us rather than divide us.

The rescheduling of cannabis is an important step in that direction and will have profound impacts from coast to coast.

HONORING PAUL MARSH

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Army veteran and former Pima County Supervisor and my friend, Mr. Paul Marsh, for his service to our country, his advocacy for his fellow veterans, and his contributions to southern Arizona. His service in different capacities throughout the years has left a mark on our communities forever.

Paul's journey began when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1952, bravely serving in the medical corps during the Korean war until his honorable discharge in 1954.

His commitment to his country did not end there. It continued throughout his life as he has tirelessly advocated for veterans' rights and support services, specifically those which address chronic homelessness among our veterans.

His compassion and dedication to improving the lives of his fellow veterans knows no boundaries. As a founding member of the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Foundation in Marana, Paul spent 10 years advocating for a final resting place for our Nation's heroes in Tucson.

Paul understood the importance of having a central location for family members to visit their loved ones and started the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Despite facing numerous challenges along the way, the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery broke ground in 2014, thanks in large part to Paul.

A few short years later, I reconnected with Paul when I was with the State of Arizona, and the cemetery needed signage on the I-10.

Paul was determined to see it happen, and I am proud to have played a very small part in that, in his ensuring that there was visibility for the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Marana.

I am grateful to Paul for his own service, his continued advocacy, and his unwavering dedication to his fellow veterans.

Paul, your work will forever inspire us to strive for a better world for all who have served our country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACOB DINDINGER

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Jacob Dindinger, one of Arizona's brave first responders who tragically passed away on July 29, 2021. At just 20 years old, Jacob lost his life while serving our community so bravely in Tucson.

He was a graduate of CDO High School in 2019 and earned his EMT certificate in May of 2020 from Pima Community College.

Jacob's dedication to community service shined bright during his time as an EMT for American Medical Response.

Jacob had hoped to follow in the footsteps of his firefighter brother, Bryan, committed to helping others in a time of need.

He is remembered in the community as a loyal, kind, and selfless friend. He remains a true hero in the hearts of our Tucson community.

I recently met Jacob's parents, Jim and Corrine, at an event dedicated to our first responders. It is clear that they are carrying on his legacy of service and sacrifice.

We will never forget Jacob's sacrifice or the ultimate sacrifice of other first responders. His death is a reminder that our first responders risk their lives every time they put on the uniform.

We extend our gratitude for his dedicated service and are eternally thankful for his contributions.

HONORING LOUIS ANTHONY CONTER

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Lieutenant Commander Lou Conter, the last survivor of the USS *Arizona* during the attacks on Pearl Harbor.

At 102 years old, Lou passed away in his home in Grass Valley, California, surrounded by his family on April 1, 2024.

He enlisted at the age of 18 and just two short years later was at the center of the Pearl Harbor attacks on December 7, 1941.

Then quartermaster, Lou was on the deck when the ship was hit. Ultimately, 1,177 of his shipmates from the USS *Arizona* perished that day.

He went on to serve 27 years in the Navy, rising to the rank of lieutenant commander. He spent his life keeping the memories of Pearl Harbor alive, educating others and even doing interviews up until he was 100 years old.

Lieutenant Commander Conter was committed to helping others in times of need and truly loved making a difference in his community.

He leaves behind a daughter, Louann Daley; three sons, Tony, Jim, and Jeff; stepson, Ron; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We will never forget his sacrifice or the sacrifice of his fellow sailors on the USS *Arizona*. We extend our gratitude for his dedicated service and are eternally thankful for his contributions.

ONGOING SOCIAL SECURITY ISSUES

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is great to be here this morning, and I rise to discuss the ongoing issue of Social Security.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, more than 70 million Americans rely on Social Security, and Social Security is the Nation's number one antipoverty program for the elderly and the number one antipoverty program for children.

It also, Mr. Speaker, is the number one program with regard to disability, and more veterans rely on Social Security disability than they do on the VA.

Mr. Speaker, I know that Speaker HOUCHEM was in the chair before, and part of our rising to speak about Social Security is to make people aware in their districts of how many retirees they actually have.

For example, in New York's 19th, you have 173,667 recipients. More than \$300 million comes into the 17th District in New York monthly for those recipients; 130,000 of which are retirees, 20,000 disabled workers, 8,900 widows, 4,247 spouses, and almost 10,000 children.

What is astounding, Mr. Speaker, is that Congress has done nothing. In fact, what will shock the public is that Congress has not extended the benefits of Social Security in more than 50 years.

Richard Nixon was President of the United States when Congress last acted. Imagine 10,000 baby boomers a day becoming eligible for Social Security. Yet, Congress has done nothing.

More than 70 million Americans rely on Social Security, again, the Nation's number one antipoverty program for the elderly and the number one antipoverty program for children.

Congress continues not to do what our constituents send us here to do; vote. President Biden has put out a plan. We have put out a plan called Social Security 2100 that is detailed and paid for.

This might also surprise you, too, Mr. Speaker, as I know it does many citizens, that the President's called to lift the cap on people making over \$400,000 who pay nothing into Social Security.

Imagine the workers, the more than 170,000 in your district who pay in to Social Security and have done so all throughout their lives, and yet, others pay nothing for the Nation's number

one antipoverty program. That is why this is so important that Congress take action and step up and do the right thing.

With \$300 million coming into New York's 17th District, Mr. Speaker, those are dollars that are spent locally right back in the community.

For all people listening to C-SPAN or people that are guests in our audience, Mr. Speaker, they should be making sure that they are calling their Representatives and making them aware of the fact that this program has not been enhanced.

This is no entitlement. This is an earned benefit that people have paid for and that only the United States Congress can act to change so that these individuals will get relief.

Imagine a cost-of-living increase that hasn't been enhanced in over 50 years. I hope that the American people, and more importantly, this Congress acts on behalf of the people that desperately need our help.

SEC NEW CLIMATE DISCLOSURE RULE

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the Securities and Exchange Commission's new climate disclosure rule.

Since President Biden took office, his agencies have weaponized rulemaking to impose job-crushing regulations. In just 3 years, he has dramatically expanded the Waters of the U.S. rule, issued presidential executive orders, and established a new climate corps.

The new climate disclosure rule requires extensive disclosures on CO₂ and other theoretical climate risks.

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These disclosure requirements will have devastating downstream consequences. The rule will likely serve as a gift to activist lawyers looking for reasons to declare open season on industries they oppose.

It is a breathtaking expansion of regulatory power by an unelected agency using power that was not delegated to it by Congress. The SEC should stick to its core mission of regulating financial markets and get out of its newfound hobby of dabbling in climate alarmism.

I applaud the work of my Financial Services Committee colleagues and the Western Caucus on pushing back against this draconian rule, and I hope to see it repealed.

CONGRATULATING CHANCELLOR DOUG KRISTENSEN

Mr. FLOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Chancellor Doug Kristensen for his 22 years of service to the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

After 14 years in the State legislature, many of those as speaker of our unicameral body, he was named chancellor at UNK and became the longest-

serving chancellor in the university's history.

Chancellor Kristensen, a native of Kearney, has been described as a champion for UNK and rural Nebraska. During his time in the State legislature, he helped shepherd then Kearney State College into the University of Nebraska system. His leadership has been nothing less than transformative.

From new housing to athletic facilities, Kristensen oversaw many of these priorities during his two decades of leadership. One of his most successful achievements was helping grow rural Nebraska's healthcare workforce.

Chancellor Kristensen's work at UNK will have a lasting impact on Nebraska for generations to come.

I congratulate him on an outstanding career, thank him for his service to the State and the university, and wish him the best in his next chapter.

RECOGNIZING LUKE FARRITOR

Mr. FLOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Luke Farritor, a University of Nebraska at Lincoln student who recently won the Vesuvius Challenge grand prize by deciphering passages of text from digital scans of a carbonized scroll. This young man is smart.

Last year, Farritor, a Lincoln native, decided to take on the challenge of deciphering text on papyrus charred into a lump of carbon by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Because the scrolls were carbonized, they are virtually impossible to unroll without destroying them. Farritor created a machine-learning model that senses tiny differences that can reveal ink. Yes, he is that smart.

Along the way, he enlisted help from peers across the globe to pitch in and decipher the burnt scrolls recovered from an ancient library.

Luke and his team ultimately submitted 15 passages containing more than 2,000 characters. The work contained in the passages they recovered hadn't been read since at least 79 A.D.

Congratulations to Luke. His innovative talent has already taken him far. We look forward to seeing what challenge he takes on next.

We hope he stays in Nebraska. We want him to live there.

THANKING METEOROLOGISTS IN NEBRASKA

Mr. FLOOD. Madam Speaker, I want to talk about something that was very destructive last Friday. We had several EF3 and EF2 tornadoes ravage portions of my district, Congressman BACON's district, and Congressman SMITH's district.

The silver lining here is that the meteorologists at the National Weather Service office in Valley, Nebraska, used all of their talents, all of the equipment, and everything in the power of the National Weather Service to identify these tornadoes and get that lifesaving information to the people.

What they did saved lives. We did not lose one person's life in the State of Nebraska. Over 400 homes were destroyed.

I also want to say as a Nebraska broadcaster myself, the men and women of the Nebraska broadcasting companies, in multiple languages, went to work and got Nebraskans the information they needed to take shelter and stay away from these potentially and very obviously dangerous tornadoes.

We ought to be proud of this Federal agency, the National Weather Service. We ought to be proud of what they do. They don't get the credit very often.

I also recognize the broadcasters not just in Nebraska but everywhere in our great country that go to work every day to get people lifesaving information. In this case, you can look at everything that happened. Our emergency alert system worked. Our meteorologists and our TV meteorologists and radio and television folks came together to deliver for the great State.

STANDING UP FOR THE SANCTITY OF WOMEN'S SPORTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. FISCHBACH). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOONEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, on April 18, five brave young girls had the courage to stand up for their rights in Harrison County, West Virginia. These 13-year-old girls showed more guts and courage in their convictions than most grownups.

These student athletes competed in the 2024 Harrison County Middle School Championship track and field meet. These girls from Lincoln Middle School stepped up to the circle for their turn before refusing to throw in the shot put event. They were showing solidarity in protest of the participation of Becky Pepper-Jackson, a 13-year-old boy. Pepper-Jackson won the event by recording a throw of 32 feet. The second-place competitor, who was actually a female, finished with a 29-foot throw.

West Virginia State law bans transgenders—in other words, boys pretending to be girls—from playing on girls' sports teams. However, a recent Federal court ruled the law could not be lawfully applied to Pepper-Jackson.

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey quickly stepped up and filed an amicus brief in support of the five athletes and asked the U.S. Supreme Court to weigh in on transgender student-athlete bans for a second time on behalf of the parents who filed a complaint with the local county board of education.

As a result of their protest and appearance at a press conference with West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, the five girls were barred from competing in their next track meet and also subject to punitive sprints in practice.

These strong girls should be rewarded, not punished, for standing up for the sanctity of women's sports. Young women should not be forced to compete against young men. No school