

the Federal Government. This agreement will help military spouses keep their jobs and advance their careers while their partners are stationed overseas.

Yesterday, I joined my Oversight Committee colleagues to build on this success and advance a bill that would codify these protections into law.

Our military is stronger and more capable when military spouses can build their careers because families choose to reenlist. I applaud their service and selfless dedication to our country.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JEFFREY JACKSON

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the passing of the past president of the Orange County Realtors, Jeffrey Jackson.

Jeff's presidency came at a tumultuous time for real estate, with changes to commission structures, historically low inventory, and high interest rates. Those challenges didn't inhibit his willingness to serve. As his association stated, he willingly embraced the opportunity.

Jeff was a passionate advocate, and the struggles of his clients to find housing drove him to fight for housing for all. He fulfilled all of his roles, including at the State and national associations, until the final weeks of his battle with cancer.

Jeff had four loves: his Hoosiers; his dog, Niles; jazz; and housing. He moved to California in 2010 and, in 2014, began his 10-year real estate career.

Jeff was loved by many, including me, and he will be dearly missed.

PAUSING EXPANSION OF LNG EXPORT CAPACITY

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, Big Oil has long exploited and profited from our dependence on fossil fuels.

I rise today proud that our President is finally standing up to Big Oil and putting people over polluters. I applaud President Biden's decision to pause the expansion of America's liquid natural gas export capacity.

For too long, the United States has rapidly approved LNG terminals without verifying economic benefits and making sure that Big Oil companies are accountable to clean up their messes.

The United States is already the top exporter of LNG, and future projects are not expected to go online for several years, handcuffing future generations with the harms of pollution.

We need rigorous oversight of LNG exports to protect families, communities, the environment, and our national security.

The Biden administration's announcement is an incredible first step to making sure the American people, not just Big Oil companies, actually benefit from changes to our energy policies.

TALLMADGE BLUE DEVILS
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. SYKES) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the Tallmadge Blue Devils coed wheelchair basketball team as Ohio's 13th District Champions of the Week.

The Wheelchair Blue Devils recently won the Ohio Interscholastic Wheelchair Basketball State Championship title, defeating the previously unbeaten and top-ranked Austintown Falcons.

During this championship game, freshman Ta'Shaun Meyers scored 16 points to help lead the Wheelchair Blue Devils to a well-deserved victory. The win capped off an impressive 15-2 season for the Wheelchair Blue Devils.

In addition to the hard work and determination of these outstanding student athletes, I also recognize Head Coach Monica Currey and Assistant Coach Greg Michalec for guiding and supporting the team throughout this impressive season.

In all, the success of the Blue Devils wheelchair basketball team, both on and off the court, has made our community very proud, and I am confident that the team will continue their dominance next season.

Once again, I congratulate the Blue Devils wheelchair basketball team for their incredible season and for being named Champions of the Week.

CONGRATULATING LULU EMANUELE

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Lulu Emanuele as last week's 13th Congressional District of Ohio Champion of the Week.

Lulu is a sophomore from Firestone Community Learning Center in Akron, and she is my district's first-place winner for this year's Congressional Art Competition.

I had the opportunity to view Lulu's winning piece at the community art show hosted at the Summit Artspace in Akron, and I can truly say that her piece titled "Neon Dreams" is captivating. As you can see, Lulu uses bold, dramatic neon colors that immediately catch your eye and show off her impressive technical expertise.

As the winner of our district's Congressional Art Competition, her work will proudly be displayed on the walls of the United States Capitol, where visitors from across the country and the world can see our community's artistic talent and creative abilities.

I personally can't wait to see her piece each time we walk past the Congressional Art Competition on our way to the House floor.

In addition to recognizing Lulu's exceptional artistic talent, I also thank her teachers and her family for supporting her in her endeavors.

I also recognize all the students who participated in the Congressional Art Competition because they all made this year's art challenge especially fantastic, and we are very proud of them, as well.

Again, I congratulate Lulu on being the winner of Ohio's 13th District Art Competition and the Champion of the Week.

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT DURING
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, this is National Police Week, and I rise to recognize the courage and dedication of police officers in Ohio's 13th Congressional District and honor those who have lost their lives while serving our communities.

Being a police officer is already a tough and dangerous job. However, in recent years, staff shortages have made this job even more difficult. As I have talked to law enforcement agencies across Ohio's 13th District, the number one thing I continue to hear is that they are having a hard time keeping and retaining officers.

Our police officers are constantly overworked, overburdened, and tired, and this constant strain on law enforcement agencies simply does not create an environment where police officers can perform to the best of their abilities to keep our communities safe.

That is why I joined several members of the Ohio delegation to introduce the Enhancing COPS Hiring Program Grants for Local Law Enforcement Act. This bipartisan, commonsense piece of legislation would expand the current COPS Hiring Program to allow local law enforcement agencies to utilize these grants for recruitment and retention bonuses and also modify the program to reduce costs and administrative burdens associated with the annual applications.

Giving law enforcement agencies the resources they need to provide recruitment and retention bonuses will ensure these departments can hire the best and most qualified and responsible officers to protect our communities.

In all, this bipartisan legislation will simultaneously improve our safety and the safety of our communities and increase the trust between police officers and the people they have sworn to protect and serve.

When I came to Congress, I promised I would put the people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District first, and that is exactly what I have continued to do. I will keep working with anyone from anywhere on real solutions, just like my enhancing COPS grant legislation that will provide our law enforcement with the resources they need to keep our communities safe.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 9 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAMALFA) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Gird us up, O God, for whatever lies ahead of us this day. Equip us for the work You would have us do in the situations we will face.

Do not let us take this preparation lightly, for the battles we fight are more than policies and politics. We do not wrestle just against contrary human opinions and opposing ambitions, but ours is a fight to preserve mutual understanding and respect in a world shrouded in the darkness of prejudice and gripped with hatred.

On each one here, You have placed a mantle of leadership for the living of these days, leadership which calls us to recover our moral bearings and uphold Your righteousness. May we each live up to the responsibilities with which You have entrusted us, responsibilities that compel us to choose what is faithful over what is expedient.

Then open our eyes to see the heavenly host that defends all that we aim to accomplish when we do so in accordance with Your will.

In the strength of Your name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CURTIS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week.

For me, Police Week started solemnly. On Monday, I attended the funeral of Santaquin Police Officer Bill Hooser. Sergeant Hooser is a hero, killed in the line of duty by a felon with a 20-year criminal history who had no right to be on Utah's roads.

At the funeral service, the Santaquin police chief said Hooser was the best field training officer he had ever seen. His work and dedication to other officers on the force undoubtedly have kept many safe.

This Police Week, I also remember Master Officer Joseph Shinnars of the Provo Police Department, who I worked alongside during my time as mayor. He was tragically killed in the line of duty in 2019.

I would like the family to know I still keep his picture on my desk in Provo in remembrance of his sacrifice and contribution. The Provo police chief described Shinnars as one of his all-star officers.

These men, and all of our officers killed in the line of duty, are heroes who gave their ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities and our families safe.

We owe our deepest gratitude to police officers and their families who wonder every morning if that will be the last time they see them.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JIMMY JOHNSON

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to honor the life of Jimmy Johnson, one of the greatest cornerbacks in NFL history.

A product of Kingsburg High School in my California district, Jimmy was a gifted athlete and rose quickly through the ranks. He was also a good student and graduated from UCLA. He played 16 seasons with the San Francisco 49ers and was a member of the NFL's All-Decade Team in the 1970s.

He was known as the "Lonesome Cornerback" because his opponents rarely threw to his side of the field. Ask Bart Starr or Johnny Unitas. He was clearly a class act, a leader, and always respected by his teammates, yet he still intercepted those 47 passes and returned them for 615 yards.

In 1994, he was enshrined in the National Pro Football Hall of Fame with his brother as his presenter, the decathlon champion Rafer Johnson.

What a class act. What a team. For the 49er family and its fans, we mourn the loss of Jimmy Johnson, but his legacy will continue for the next generation of athletes and fans.

Jimmy Johnson was a class act.

HEAD START GIVES CHILDREN A CHANCE TO SUCCEED

(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. Madam Speaker, since its inception 56 years ago, Head Start has improved the lives of more than 32 million children and their families.

Proudly, we continue to raise awareness about Head Start and the benefits it brings to America's children. Head Start gives every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, a chance to succeed in school and in life.

The Head Start model, developed over the decades, has been built on evidence-based practices and is constantly evolving, using the best available science and teaching techniques to meet the needs of local communities.

Head Start focuses on the whole child and the whole family. Head Start and Early Start programs are in small towns and big cities alike. It brings together parents, teachers, volunteers, and community leaders to create a quality program that truly gives lower income children a head start in life.

Madam Speaker, I applaud Head Start programs in the 15th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and throughout the Nation for helping so many Americans from all walks of life have a fair start in life.

HONORING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor National Police Week and recognize our dedicated law enforcement officers in San Joaquin County. On behalf of all our families, I thank them.

I also want to take this opportunity to bring attention to and honor a vital part of our law enforcement departments: our canine officers and their dogs. Canine teams go into some of the most dangerous situations, and their work quite simply saves lives. My community has seen this bravery firsthand.

On February 19, 2023, after 6 years of service, we sadly lost Duke, a police canine for the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department. While apprehending an armed and dangerous suspect, Duke was killed in the line of duty. Duke's actions likely saved the life of one of our sheriff's deputies.

This past weekend, Duke was remembered alongside 25 other police canines that gave their lives in the line of duty last year, a worthy ceremony for a brave pup.

I thank all of our canine trainers and officers for the hard work they do. Families in San Joaquin County and across the country are safer because of their dedication. We are eternally grateful.

CALIFORNIA'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, California's agricultural sector is a powerhouse, contributing over \$50 billion to our economy and all these amazing food products for U.S. consumers.

Since we produce so many of these fruits and vegetables at 90-plus percent, it is a key element. Our Nation's consumer base really depends on a