

men and women who answer the call to a life of service.

We owe a debt of thanks to our police and law enforcement officers who every day, from the moment they put on their badges, know that they may be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice and never come home. These are officers who give their all to protect our families, our communities, our freedoms, officers who choose to protect those who ridicule them, disrespect them, and undermine them.

I thank our law enforcement officers in Missouri's Fourth Congressional District and officers all over America. I thank them for their service. We stand with them. We support them. We will always have their backs.

#### CARING FOR CHILDREN OF SERVICEMEMBERS

(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 advocate for the brave men and women who serve our Nation's defense selflessly, often at great personal sacrifice.

Congresswoman JENNIFER KIGGANS of Virginia and I recently introduced the bipartisan Care for Military Kids Act. Our legislation aims to ensure servicemembers can maintain critical healthcare coverage and medical services for their children and families no matter where their service assigns them.

Our servicemembers relocate frequently and uproot their families in service to our Nation wherever their orders lead them. Yet, despite their sacrifices, healthcare coverage for some of their children remains uncertain due to Medicaid and CHIP coverage being administered at the State level.

We cannot allow military families to face this added burden of healthcare insecurity. By establishing a streamlined Medicaid plan, we provide clarity and consistency to ensure no child of a servicemember goes without essential medical services.

Let's stand together in full support of our military families. Over 3 million children are involved. With the Care for Military Kids Act, we have the opportunity to fulfill our duty to those who serve and nobly protect our Nation and us.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to sign on to this bipartisan bill.

#### RECOGNIZING KACI HERRON

(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 recognize Kaci Herron from Greenback, Tennessee. She was recently crowned Miss Tennessee Star.

When Kaci was born, her parents said she would probably never walk or talk,

but she has done so much more than that in her life. She is graduating from Greenback this year, where she cheered for the football and basketball teams all 4 years. She was asked to come back and be an assistant cheer coach next year, Mr. Speaker.

After that, she hopes to go to college and has dreams of opening her own bakery someday and walking the runway in New York City for Fashion Week.

Her siblings, Bryce and Amber, have been reading to her since she was born, which has helped her develop a love of books. She also loves hiking and something I love doing, which is looking for bigfoot. She loves parasailing and all kinds of music, but especially Reba McEntire.

Kaci has a real heart for her community, and she volunteers at the Second Harvest Food Bank every week.

Kaci started participating in Miss Shining Star pageants about 8 years ago. This year, she was crowned Miss Tennessee Star and will go on to compete in the nationals.

Her platform for Miss Tennessee is "Solidarity for Soldiers" in honor of her brother, Bryce, who is in the Navy, like you, Mr. Speaker. Her whole family and her whole community are very proud of her.

I am proud to call her my friend, Mr. Speaker. It was wonderful meeting Kaci, and I wish her the best of luck competing in the nationals in July.

#### CELEBRATING PRESIDENT BIDEN'S TRADE MEASURES

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the President's announcement of increased tariffs on Chinese goods in key sectors.

President Biden leads once again. He took strong actions this week to give us the tools that we need as a nation to combat unfair trade practices, support cutting-edge American manufacturing, and protect our national security.

American workers and businesses can outcompete anyone on a level playing field, but China has undermined that level playing field for decades. The increased tariffs on electric vehicles, EV batteries, steel, aluminum, semiconductors, critical minerals, and other fundamental inputs will support American manufacturing and ensure the next generation of good-paying jobs are created right here in the United States of America with good union jobs.

These measures will also help secure supply chains essential to our national security. President Biden's tariff increases will build domestic capacity and insulate critical industries from undue Chinese Communist Party influence.

#### BIDENFLATION COSTS FAMILIES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Labor Department released its monthly report showing that consumer prices have increased again, this time by 3.4 percent.

Under Biden, families continue to pay nearly \$12,000 more for everyday goods and services while jobs are being destroyed.

Corrupt Judge Merchan continues ensuring the reelection of President Donald Trump with his bias, incompetence, and unprofessionalism. Corrupt Judge Merchan created this week a global stage for Republican superstars to defend Donald Trump, with Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, Congresswoman NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS, Congressman BYRON DONALDS, and Vivek Ramaswamy. I will invite corrupt Judge Merchan, in appreciation of his reelectioning Donald Trump, to be my guest at the Trump inauguration.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who have successfully protected America for 20 years since the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

We don't need new border laws. We need to enforce existing laws. Biden shamefully opens the borders for dictators, as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as repeatedly warned by the FBI.

#### MAKE DIRECT FILE PERMANENT

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, each year, millions of Americans pay third-party software companies to file their taxes. Having to pay hundreds of dollars in fees just to pay your taxes makes no sense.

I championed a program called Direct File to change that, which was included in the Inflation Reduction Act. As a result, thousands of Americans filed their taxes directly with the government this year for free.

Despite Big Tax Prep lobbying against Direct File, 140,000 Americans, including 33,000 Californians, used the pilot program this year. People want this program. Even better, 9 out of 10 people who used Direct File had a positive experience and said it made them more confident in the IRS.

Let's take the win here, Congress. We don't have that many, to be honest. Let's make the Direct File program permanent and available nationwide.

#### REMEMBERING SACRIFICES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of National Police Week, a week we set aside to thank more than 800,000 police officers who put on the badge and risk their lives to protect our communities.

We thank them for their brave service. Our police officers play an essential role in our community, working to keep us safe, upholding the rule of law, and responding to emergencies.

Illinois is home to many upstanding, honorable, courageous, and self-sacrificing police officers, including Peoria Police Chief Eric Echevarria and the village of Durand Police Chief Michael Reiman, who are on this poster.

Mr. Speaker, we also take the time to mourn the loss of our fallen officers whose lives were lost in the line of duty. On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 61 hours. We must never forget their sacrifice.

Lastly, I thank the law enforcement support network—their families, parents, wives, husbands, and children—for the sacrifices they make when their loved ones serve as police officers.

At a time when our law enforcement is constantly under attack, Congress must continue to stand with the police and back the blue.

#### STANDING WITH EELAM TAMIL COMMUNITY

(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 rise to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Tamil genocide in Sri Lanka.

We must stand with the Eelam Tamil community. Their struggle for justice and accountability continues, with survivors and their families enduring ongoing oppression and seeking recognition for their suffering from the Sri Lankan Government.

We must recognize the plight of the Tamil people and advocate for a peaceful resolution that respects the rights and dignity of all. The Tamil community's resilience in the face of adversity is a testament to their unwavering spirit for justice and self-determination.

It was a pleasure to meet with so many who traveled to our Nation's Capital from across the United States and five countries to ensure such atrocities never happen again.

#### THANKING OFFICERS FOR THEIR SERVICE

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as the song goes, if there is something strange in your neighborhood, who you gonna call? If there is something weird

and it don't look good, who you gonna call?

Mr. Speaker, don't call Ghostbusters. Call the police.

Mr. Speaker, I rise during National Police Week to salute the brave patriots who keep America safe. I want to share my appreciation to members of our law enforcement community—our officers, deputies, and troopers, and especially the families of those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

It takes courage to wear a badge. It takes even more courage to respond to an emergency, to step into harm's way, to face dangerous uncertainty. For our police, it is just part of the job.

Unfortunately, our law enforcement community doesn't get the recognition and the respect that they deserve. So on behalf of a grateful nation, I want to say two words our incredibly brave patriots don't hear enough: Thank you. I thank them for protecting our families and communities. I thank them for their service.

As Representative for Florida's Fourth Congressional District, I want our law enforcement officers to know we salute them. We will always back the blue.

#### RECOGNIZING FORT MORGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the historic acts of Deputy Bellew and members of the Fort Morgan Fire Department.

On April 19, Corporal Boros, Deputy Bellew, and other members of the Fort Morgan Fire Department rescued three distressed swimmers off the coast. The fire department began the operation with special equipment. Once Deputy Bellew arrived, he removed his duty belt and body armor and put on his swim vest, jumped in the water, and saved the swimmers.

That day, three people in the water were saved while swimming. That day, three people were saved from drowning. I cannot be prouder to represent District One, which is filled with brave, dedicated law enforcement officers like Deputy Bellew.

With many voices screaming to defund the police, we must emphasize how vital our officers are to us. Every day, these men and women tirelessly serve the American people, and I cannot thank them enough.

I will always back the blue.

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#### COMPLEX MATH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Ari-

zona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I am going to try to walk us through a couple simple concepts that require really complex math, so wish me luck here.

Last week, and the week before that, I came here and tried to walk through a concept of how fragile we are because of our borrowing, the amount of insatiable borrowing we go through. I made a sarcastic comment that happens to have the benefit of being almost true that the bond market is the one that pretty much will run this country. I actually can prove part of my thesis.

Last week, because we made it a couple weeks without looking like a clown show, we got some decent inflation data. The movement in the U.S. debt market on our interest rates coming down, if you annualize that, do you realize it is more than every dime of foreign aid?

I need you to think about this for a moment, just those ticks. When a single basis point—remember, 1 percent of interest is one one-hundredth of a point of interest. One tick is about \$800 million a year.

Whether this place likes it or not, when we tell the world we are not serious about leading the world, when we don't look serious that we are going to be the country that defends the reserve currency of the world, when we don't look like adults, we pay a price. Many of the folks here, you get your 5 minutes of theater, and then we add hundreds of billions of dollars of additional interest.

I am going to show you charts here where we are approaching \$1.2 trillion in interest this year. I am going to try to walk through a concept that the spending, particularly what the Democrats did with the Inflation Reduction Act, where we are basically saying over the 10 years, we are pumping out a couple trillion dollars of subsidies to corporate America, and also the fact that because of our debt and these higher interest rates we are also pumping \$1.2 trillion of interest payments out. That much cash flow is going out into the marketplace at the same time the Federal Reserve is over here trying to pull liquidity out of the market to slow down inflation.

For those of us that live in the Phoenix-Scottsdale area, you have the right to be cranky because the day Joe Biden became President, from that day until today, if you are not making a little over 26 percent more in your paycheck, you are poorer today.

For all of us who are elected here, our area happens to be probably the second highest inflation in the continental United States right now. You meet people, and they have done fairly well in life. I have one of the more prosperous districts in America. I have one of the very best-educated districts in America. We are out there knocking on doors, and people want to share with