

Lastly, we need to establish guidelines for large solar panel projects that are eating up acre after acre of prime farmland. My constituents have had enough. We must give local communities a say in the approval process.

That is why I am pleased that my bill, the SOLAR Act, has been included in this legislation. We are giving producers the flexibility to use solar energy on their farms while setting guidelines for large projects.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to restate my support for the farm bill. The bill is a big win for our farmers. It will have a big impact across the country, and I urge my colleagues on the Agriculture Committee to support this bill as it moves through the markup process tomorrow. I hope it will receive strong support on the House floor, as well.

#### STORIES OF SERVICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Military Appreciation Month and ahead of Memorial Day to recognize some of the many Virginians who have contributed to Virginia's proud legacy of military service and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Earlier this month, I reached out to families across the Seventh District asking them to share "Stories of Service," recognizing the unwavering courage and commitment of their loved ones who have answered the call to serve our country.

I am honored to work on behalf of so many military families and veterans, and I am grateful for the opportunity to stand here today to read some of the extraordinary stories I received.

Lisa Harms from Stafford County recognized her daughter, Second Lieutenant Sabrina Harms, who is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force.

A UVA alumna, granddaughter of World War II and Korean war veterans, and the niece of Vietnam and Persian war veterans, Sabrina is in her third year of medical school at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and will graduate as a family medicine doctor next May to care for our servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

I thank Sabrina for her devotion to our country and fellow servicemembers. Lisa must be incredibly proud.

Bonnie, who lives in Stafford County, shared with me the story of her father, Jesse James Verling, a lifelong Orange County resident.

Mr. Verling never talked much of the details of his service in the Philippines and the European theater during World War II. However, following his passing, Bonnie opened his safe deposit box and discovered his military decorations, getting to understand more about her father's brave and dedicated service on behalf of our country.

Our Nation owes an immense debt of gratitude to every one of our neighbors who put on the uniform. I thank Bonnie for recognizing her father's service and allowing me the opportunity to do so in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

William Hosp from Prince William County shared his father's story of service. William Brokaw Hosp, Sr., served in the U.S. Army during World War II, having enlisted straight out of high school.

After seeing combat during the Battle of the Bulge, he was transferred to Okinawa following Germany's unconditional surrender. He ultimately served on both fronts of the war. His resolve, courage, and commitment to democracy are an inspiration. I am glad to have received his story and have the opportunity to recognize his service.

Stephen from Orange County recognized many members of his family who served to preserve the freedoms we enjoy as Americans: his father and two uncles who served during World War II, his brother who served in Vietnam, and his brother who served stateside as a member of the detail at Fort Myer responsible for interring the honored dead at Arlington National Cemetery.

Stephen wrote: "As they say, freedom isn't free, and we should all be thankful every day for those willing to pay the price."

I am grateful for Stephen's family's sacrifices on behalf of our country.

As we head toward Memorial Day weekend, we remember the Virginians who bravely defended and died for our country, Virginians like Second Lieutenant Leonard M. Cowherd III. Leonard's sister, Lauren Salinas, wrote to me about her brother's career in service.

After growing up in Culpeper County, Leonard graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 2003, and he was deployed in early 2004. He was killed in action in Iraq on May 16, 2004. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Lauren wrote: "Twenty years have passed, but I remain grateful for the support and the love we still receive from many who knew Leonard in the community."

We will never forget the Virginians whose individual sacrifices allow us to enjoy the promises of freedom. My heart is with Leonard's family as they continue to hold his memory and spirit with them.

We honor every one of our neighbors who are serving or have served in the United States of America's uniform and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms.

This Memorial Day, I encourage all of my colleagues and all Americans across the country to reflect on the service and the sacrifice of the brave servicemembers—our neighbors, friends, and loved ones—who paid the heavy price of freedom as we remember those who never came home.

#### HONORING CENTENNIAL OF FOREIGN SERVICE

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Foreign Service.

Over the past century, Foreign Service officers, many of whom call Virginia home, have worked tirelessly around the globe to help maintain the global leadership of the United States.

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working alongside many Foreign Service officers. These Americans display an unwavering commitment to our diplomacy and our national security.

As we celebrate 100 years of modern American diplomacy, let's pause to reflect on the invaluable contributions made by these public servants on behalf of our country, even while facing threats and working far from their hometowns and, oftentimes, their families.

I stand here today to express my profound gratitude to these officers, as well as to honor the hundreds of members of our Foreign Service who have given their lives in service abroad.

To recognize this important centennial, I encourage my colleagues to support the bill to mint a commemorative coin celebrating 100 years of the U.S. Foreign Service.

#### HONORING JACQUIE WALKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Jacquie Walker on her remarkable career after 40 years of service as an anchor and reporter for WIVB Channel 4 News in Buffalo.

Today, Jacquie steps away from the anchor desk for the last time. For decades, Jacquie Walker has been a trusted and beloved journalist tasked with delivering the very best news with joy and the very worst news with grace.

There is a reason she has been awarded an Emmy as well as the prestigious Silver Circle Award by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Jacquie has also been inducted in the New York State Broadcasters Hall of Fame and the Buffalo Broadcasters Hall of Fame. These are a few of her awards and achievements. If I were to read the entire list, I would be here all day.

As she signs off today, western New York is losing a universally trusted voice delivering the news of the day to the Buffalo-Niagara region.

Jacquie is an immense talent who has helped to shape so many historical moments for our community. In fact, Jacquie is the longest tenured news anchor at one station in the history of the Buffalo media market. She leaves huge shoes to fill behind Channel 4's anchor desk tonight. She will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, Jacquie's integrity, her commitment to excellence, and her dedication to her craft set a standard

for journalism that will continue to inspire future generations of reporters and anchors. As Jacquie Walker embarks on the new chapter of her life, I thank her for her immense contributions to our community.

HONORING JOHN MURPHY

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the career of John Murphy, the voice of the Buffalo Bills, who announced his retirement just a short time ago.

When you are from western New York, the Buffalo Bills are part of your DNA, and John Murphy was a fixture of the Bills' announce team for over 30 years.

John Murphy served side by side with the legendary Van Miller, and they embodied the spirit and passion of the Bills Mafia. As he steps away from his role as the voice of the Bills, we not only reflect on his career with immense gratitude but also celebrate the legacy he has left behind.

John's journey with the Bills began as a color analyst, but it was his last 19 years as the voice narrating every play that made him a household name. His voice became synonymous with Bills football, and the excitement and the authenticity John brought to the booth made it feel like you were right there on the sidelines with him.

We all have fond memories of listening to John. Whether it was describing a game-winning drive or a critical defensive stop, John captured every second of the drama, joy, and sometimes heartbreak that is Bills football.

I thank John Murphy on behalf of the Bills Mafia for his years of service. He is truly one of the greats, and we will miss hearing him each and every game day.

Go Bills.

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#### HONORING THE CAREER OF JIM ZEHMER

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the career of my good friend Jim Zehmer, who has dedicated 32 years of his life to keeping manufacturing jobs in Southern California.

Jim is retiring from his position as president of Toyota's first North American manufacturing facility in our community. Under his guidance, that manufacturing auto plant in Southern California is still there.

As a fellow Bruin, Jim started his career with the finance team in 1992. By working hard, he made his way up to management. His dedication and his efforts led to the manufacturing plant's success, and they recently celebrated 50 years of existence in Southern California.

Jim has also been a committed member of our community, serving on the boards of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, the California Conference

for Equality and Justice, and the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House.

I want to take this moment to thank Jim for his leadership, his dedication, and for always recognizing the backbone of America's manufacturing workers. Jim exemplifies the key values in our Southern California community.

I thank Jim very much and let me say to you: Week 5 will live forever.

#### 1944 WATER TREATY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. DE LA CRUZ) for 5 minutes.

Ms. De La CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, it was 9 months ago that I introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives expressing support for diplomatic action to ensure water deliveries from Mexico to the United States under the 1944 water treaty that is still in effect.

This resolution passed with bipartisan support, and still to this day, the Department of Agriculture, the IBWC, and senior leadership at the State Department have not been able to secure water for our south Texas farmers.

Mr. Speaker, you may ask: Well, what does this mean to us? What is the result of their lack of action?

Well, let me tell you what the result is: In south Texas, one of our largest employers, the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, closed. That means job losses for 500 people. Just like those crops that have no water, 500 jobs in our district went to dust.

What is the bigger impact of that? The bigger impact of that is that we no longer have a sugar mill in Texas.

What does that mean to all Americans across this country? That means that we will now have to rely on other countries to supply that sugar that was being produced in south Texas. That means that we are more reliant on other countries when we in the United States have the capabilities and have the businesses to produce our own sugar.

It is simply unacceptable.

The situation continues to get worse. In fact, as of May 4, Mexico owes the United States more than 850,000 acre feet of water under this treaty.

In December, I had a call with Secretary Blinken, and I was left with the impression that he viewed this as just as important as we did in south Texas.

However, our attempts to have follow-up meetings with the Secretary have proven unsuccessful. I have called both the Secretary of State, Secretary Blinken, and I have talked to and called the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico to put pressure on Mexico. Our phone calls and our emails go unanswered. They are leaving south Texas farmers to fend for themselves.

What does that mean? That means that our citrus industry is now at risk of no longer being around. One day we will look at the citrus industry and we, too, may see them close their doors forever. It is simply unacceptable.

The lack of progress from this administration is an outrage to the men and women who are now out of work. It is an outrage to our farmers and our communities in south Texas who depend on these industries. This is an outrage to all Americans.

Food security is a matter of national security. I wish that Secretary Blinken, our Agriculture Secretary, and our U.S. Ambassador to Mexico were just as outraged as I am, just as outraged as the people of south Texas who have lost the sugar mill and who are watching the slow death of our citrus industry. I am encouraging Secretary Blinken, the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, and the IBWC to start making this a priority.

I am working with the Appropriations Committee because I believe that if we cannot get our water, if we cannot save our citrus industry, if we cannot save the jobs that that industry allows, if we cannot save our farmers, then Mexico does not deserve to have any money appropriated to them.

I believe that we need to use every tool that we have available to force Mexico to abide by the treaty.

We want our water.

We demand our water.

National security is food security.

#### PSP AWARENESS WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MALLIOTAKIS). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. WEXTON) for 5 minutes.

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, as you may know, last year I was diagnosed with progressive supranuclear palsy, or PSP. It is basically Parkinson's on steroids, and I don't recommend it. It has affected my ability to speak, so I am using this text-to-speech app to make it easier for you and our colleagues to hear and understand me.

I rise today in support of PSP Awareness Month. Over the past year, I have come to personally know how scary and devastating a condition PSP can be for those of us battling it and for those close to us who love us and want us to be well again.

Despite its life-changing impact on more than 30,000 Americans, PSP remains relatively unknown to the general public. I am on a mission to change that. For those of you who are not familiar, PSP is a neurodegenerative condition that occurs when a buildup of a protein called tau damages brain cells, particularly in the parts of the brain that control speech, balance, coordination, and eye movement.

With a rare disease like PSP, there is a lot of confusion about what it is and also what it is not.

As you have noticed, it has affected my mobility. In less than a year, I have gone from striding confidently into and around this Chamber to relying on my walker to get around.

PSP affects how loudly and clearly I can speak, which is not an ideal situation for a politician.