

I congratulate Mike's grandchildren, Bill, Theresa, and Nancy, who continue to run this beloved Louisville institution. Let's keep it going for another 100 years.

RECOGNIZING DEEJAY TED "GUNNER" OUSLEY

(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 would remind some of the Members in the back that it is crowded back there. There are a few more seats down front if they want to come down here.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize radio deejay Ted "Gunner" Ousley, who is retiring in June after a career that spanned six decades.

Gunner started his career at AM 1470 in Maryville, Tennessee, before working at 94.3 in Knoxville and the Hit Kicker 100.3 before moving to WIVK, or "WIVK" as we call it, 107.7, where he spent the last 28 years.

Gunner has interviewed some big names in country music over the years, like Jason Aldean, Blake Shelton, and Taylor Swift. Yes, she used to sing country music. When she was 15 years old, she did.

Gunner loved our veterans and troops and has used his job to help them however he can. Back in 2004, he spent 3 months with the 489th Special Operations in a combat zone of Iraq and started a weekly radio show called "Voices from the Front" that allowed troops to communicate with their families back home and was used by many troops all over the world through the years. He has also hosted the Veterans Day parade every year in Knoxville.

Gunner has also worked with other charities, like St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Knoxville Area Rescue Mission, Alzheimer's Tennessee, and many others.

He is a man who truly loves his country and his community. He also became the first inductee into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame Career Class of 2024.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Gunner on a great career and wish him the best in retirement. I always remember him being good to my daddy, who was a World War II veteran.

IMPLEMENTING THE REPO ACT

(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 today to address a matter of profound importance: the implementation of the bipartisan and bicameral REPO Act.

This legislation, signed into law on April 24, grants the President the authority to seize Russian sovereign assets frozen in the United States and transfer them to Ukraine for its reconstruction.

As co-chair and cofounder of the Ukraine Caucus, I cannot overstate the urgency of this action.

Russia's illegal and unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine demands a decisive response from the international community. By swiftly implementing the REPO Act, we can provide crucial support to Ukraine. REPO proceeds will demonstrate our unwavering commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty and efforts to rebuild once the war is over.

Let me commend the administration's efforts to collaborate with our G7 and European allies in this endeavor.

Together, we can establish an international compensation mechanism that leverages frozen Russian assets for Ukraine's benefit.

The time to act is now. Let us show the world America's resolve and stand resolute with Ukraine against Putin's aggression and tyranny.

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IN MEMORY OF LUKE RATHSCHMIDT

(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 stand before you to honor the memory of Luke Rathschmidt, a dedicated veteran, community leader, and beloved father, who tragically passed away this past weekend.

Luke's sudden departure leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew him. Luke was the inspiration behind United for the Troops, a charity founded by his parents, Jim and Patty Rathschmidt, which sends care packages to our brave soldiers overseas. This initiative began with a simple act of love: A care package sent to Luke during his deployment with the U.S. Army.

His family's effort blossomed into a movement that has brought a touch of home to tens of thousands of our brave men and women abroad.

A revered member of the Mahopac community, Luke was also the commander of VFW Post 5491, where he was known for his leadership and being a pillar of support for fellow veterans. His commitment to service was paralleled only by his dedication to his family, including his two children, Jaelynn and Brandt, and the love of his life, Tracy.

Luke's legacy is in the lives he touched, the community he strengthened, and the country he served. We mourn his loss, but celebrate his incredible, impactful life.

I extend my deepest condolences to the Rathschmidt family and all who were fortunate enough to know Luke. He was truly larger than life, and his memory will indeed last a lifetime.

CONGRATULATING SELMA'S ASHER HAVON ON WINNING "THE VOICE" SEASON 25

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

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Selma's own Asher HaVon for winning season 25 of "The Voice." A native of my hometown of Selma, Alabama, Asher got his start singing in the church and even performed for President Obama during his visit for the 50th anniversary of the Selma and Montgomery march.

Throughout this season on "The Voice," Asher's outstanding vocal abilities have taken America by storm. His first-place win makes him not only the first Alabamian to win "The Voice," but also the first openly LGBTQ person to earn such a title.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the one and only Asher HaVon of Selma, Alabama, for his first-place finish as the winner of "The Voice."

We in Selma are so proud of you, and we can't wait to see everything that you will continue to achieve.

We are indeed Selma Strong.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S INTER- FERENCE IN OPERATIONS OF VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY

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

Mr. STRONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding the Mexican Government's unprecedented interference in the lawful operation of Alabama-based Vulcan Materials Company.

Vulcan has maintained a presence in Quintana Roo, Mexico, since 1980, supporting thousands of American jobs and fostering both economic and infrastructure development in the U.S. and abroad.

This month marks the second year since the Mexican Government illegally invaded and shut down Vulcan's deep-water port in Mexico. Since then, Vulcan has faced increasing aggression and harassment by the Mexican Government, including President Lopez Obrador, threatening to unlawfully seize Vulcan's port and limestone quarry.

Mexico's actions not only jeopardize our bilateral relationship, but threaten U.S. jobs and infrastructure development. The Alabama delegation stands united behind Vulcan.

I call on the Mexican Government to immediately cease this brazen defiance of rule of law and end its unjust interference in the legitimate operations of American businesses.

HONORING JO ANNE BERNAL'S CAREER IN SERVICE

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor El Paso County Attorney, Jo Anne Bernal, a trailblazer and proud native El Pasoan whose unwavering dedication to public service has profoundly improved our community.

In November 2009, Ms. Bernal broke barriers as the first woman elected as county attorney in El Paso, marking a historic moment in local governance. Under her leadership, the County Attorney's office is a hub of legal expertise, protecting our community's values and interests.

Ms. Bernal's duties include representing and prosecuting juvenile offenses, addressing deceptive business practices, and aiding victims of domestic and sexual violence. She is a staunch advocate for victims' rights, prioritizing dignity and full legal support, including to undocumented individuals and the LGBTQIA+ community.

It is my privilege to recognize Ms. Bernal for her exemplary service, leadership, and dedication to our community, and I wish her and her family the best upon her retirement.

HONORING BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, as we approach Memorial Day, we honor the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our great country and preserving the freedoms we hold dear.

As Benjamin Franklin said: It is "... a Republic, if you can keep it." It has been kept for nearly 250 years, largely thanks to patriots who have sacrificed so much.

Let us renew our commitment to the ideals for which they fought. As Abraham Lincoln said: "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

May we strive to build a Nation worthy of their sacrifice, where liberty and justice are more than words, but a reality. Their legacy will live on through our dedication to these principles.

On Memorial Day, we will be flying a flag to remember our Nation's heroes, but it is up to us, the people, to keep our flag flying, and we do this by continuing to strengthen our faith in America, our patriotism, our economy, and our national security.

May God bless America and those who have died protecting it.

JUSTICE SYSTEM

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

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, the Supreme Court recently circulated guide-

lines to its employees that cautioned against anything "... that might signal a political display."

Those guidelines for employees are apparently lost on some of the Justices themselves, who fly upside-down American flags, display symbols of insurrection and Christian nationalism, and take gifts from political operatives. Supreme Court Justices should set the highest standard and avoid even the appearance of conflicts of interest.

Mr. Speaker, I am increasingly concerned about attacks on the American system of justice from the inside and out. As an attorney, I am bound by a code of ethics that states: "A lawyer should demonstrate respect for the legal system and for those who serve it, including judges, other lawyers, and public officials," which is why it is so shocking to see colleagues who have practiced law standing outside of the trial of the former President in an attempt to undermine those proceedings as they are going on.

They should know better, and they do know better, but loyalty to Donald Trump is apparently the only loyalty some attorneys serving in elected office adhere to these days. As Members of the House and members of the bar, we must do better.

HONORING 100 YEARS OF BORDER PATROL

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 100 years of the United States Border Patrol.

What began as a small unit of mounted watchmen has become one of our Nation's most important law enforcement agencies.

The Border Patrol is tasked with protecting the American people, securing our borders, and enhancing our Nation's economic prosperity. The mission has become increasingly more difficult because of the open-door policies enacted by this administration. While I condemn the policies that have led to the border crisis, I continue to stand with the frontline men and women of the United States Border Patrol.

These men and women place themselves in harm's way to stop the flow of illegal immigration and to stop human trafficking and drug trafficking into our country. These officers deserve our thanks, our support, and, most importantly, our prayers.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to reflect on the stark reality that more than one in five

adults in America live with a mental illness.

Adults aren't the only ones who struggle with their mental health. Children, teens, and young adults face unprecedented mental health challenges every day but are far less likely to get the support that they need. While mental health is important all year long, during May, we raise awareness, educate others, and remind those struggling: You are not alone.

I was proud to secure \$6 million in Federal funding for WakeMed's new Mental Health & Well-Being Hospital to improve access to mental healthcare in my community. Let's continue to fight for a future where every American has access to the resources that they need to live a healthy and fulfilling life.

JUSTICE ALITO

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the judicial code of conduct advises that a United States judge should uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary and avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.

Just days after January 6, the Alitos flew an upside-down American flag, an image that sickened me, an image that was adopted as a Stop the Steal emblem. The United States Flag Code states that an upside-down flag can be displayed only as a signal of dire distress and instances of extreme danger to life or property. Dire distress is not a political dispute and not a political fight with your neighbor.

Justice Alito has served on the bench for 18 years. He knows better. No matter why the Alitos flew our flag in this disrespectful way, Justice Alito has failed to avoid impropriety and even the appearance of impropriety itself.

I call on Justice Alito to recuse himself from all cases involving January 6 and the 2020 election.

This Justice knows better.

EXPANDING THE RIGHTS OF PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES

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

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, over 60 million Americans live with a disability, including many of our seniors and veterans. When they travel, these passengers deserve a safe and dignified flying experience, but I have heard all too often from constituents living with disabilities that their air travel experience can be anything but safe and dignified. Inaccessible restrooms and aircraft, damage to wheelchairs, or an absence of assistive devices can make air travel unpleasant or even impossible.