

In their tireless efforts, Susquehanna Regional EMS responded to a staggering number of approximately 20,000 calls in 2023, including 911 emergencies and nonemergent interfacility transfers. Their commitment to community benefit support was equally impressive, with over 13,000 hours dedicated to events such as the Little League World Series, Williamsport's Fourth of July celebration, and Lycoming County Fair.

Susquehanna Regional EMS educates providers and the public with programs like UPMC's Minutes Matter and Stop the Bleed. Through a partnership with Susquehanna Health Foundation, 100 AEDs, 100 bleed-control kits, and 100 packages of Narcan have been donated to our community.

Every minute counts in a medical emergency.

Susquehanna Regional EMS' daily work has saved countless lives throughout Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District. On behalf of a grateful community, I thank them for their service to our community, and I congratulate them on this well-deserved award.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF DACA

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Immigrant Heritage Month in recognition of the 12th anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program, known as DACA.

Since 2012, DACA recipients, or Dreamers, have experienced uncertainty about their status and future in this country. Yet, their impact is certain. They are our nurses, writers, lawyers, teachers, activists, and change-makers. They have grown up here, eagerly contributing to the diversity of our country.

If Congress does nothing, we lose our neighbors, our family members, and friends. We lose fellow Americans.

With the American Dream and Promise Act, House Democrats have a plan, with bipartisan support, to finally create a pathway for citizenship for Dreamers. In America, we welcome those fleeing harm and danger. We welcome those who believe in the American Dream. We put people over politics. Americans support Dreamers, and Dreamers support America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my appreciation to the St.

Louis County Rescue Squad and Sheriff's Office for their dedication to responding to emergency situations and to mourn the loss of two Minnesotans.

Recently, they responded to a tragic accident where a party of four canoeists went over a waterfall in the Boundary Waters, and two went missing.

One of the missing canoeists, Jesse Haugen of Cambridge, was a constituent of mine. Jesse heroically attempted to save his fellow canoeists before going under himself. Jesse's bravery was no surprise to anyone who knew him, especially given his military background.

Mr. Speaker, the Boundary Waters are remote, making any rescue attempt complex. During this time of the year, high water levels and fast currents made these efforts even more difficult.

Jesse Haugen and Reis Grams both tragically died, but I am grateful to the St. Louis County Rescue Squad and Sheriff's Office for staying on the scene for 2 weeks until both men were located.

Thanks to their determination and professionalism, the families of Jesse and Reis can now have closure, and I will continue to pray for them and our St. Louis County Sheriff's Rescue Squad.

RECOVERING ECONOMY

(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 United States is recovering from the pandemic faster than any other industrialized nation. In fact, the World Bank expects the United States economy to grow significantly faster than they initially predicted, and our growth is fueling a worldwide economic recovery. Yet, prices remain stubbornly high for groceries, gas, and especially housing. Both realities are true.

One culprit of this is corporate profit-taking and greed because unemployment is low, our job market is strong, and inflation is cooling. Yet, prices are still up almost 19 percent since 2021.

Historically, in the years leading up to the pandemic, corporate profits were responsible for approximately 11 percent of price increases. Contrast that with the second and third quarters of 2023. Corporate profits were responsible for more than 50 percent of price increases. In the latest quarter of 2023, American corporate profits reached an all-time high of \$2.8 trillion.

President Biden and congressional Democrats are working to address this manipulation head on, while my colleagues on the other side of the aisle propose tax cuts for the very corporations taking advantage.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to hear real solutions from the so-called leaders of the House.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 249TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today we commemorate the 249th birthday of United States Army.

On this day, the Second Continental Congress transformed a local rebellion into a war for independence by establishing the Continental Army, which today is the United States Army. One day after the Army was established, Congress appointed French and Indian War veteran George Washington to be the very first commander of the Army, and the rest is history.

The Army's birthday is a day where we can express gratitude for the brave men and women who served and continue to serve in our Nation's oldest branch of the military. As one of 38 Army veterans currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, I am honored to recognize this historic milestone.

One thing everybody knows about the U.S. Army is that, when duty calls, we will rise to the challenge. "This We'll Defend."

God bless our troops, Iowa, and God bless the United States of America.

I also acknowledge that today, June 14, is Flag Day. Please remember and honor the values of our flag.

I extend birthday wishes to President Donald Trump.

Happy birthday, Mr. President.

VISIT TO UNION SQUARE GREENMARKET

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I recently visited the Union Square Greenmarket in New York with Chef Evan Handczor, founder of Little Egg in Brooklyn.

Evan is a chef-ambassador for Chefs for Healthy Soil, a coalition that promotes the connection between sustainable agriculture and the foods that sustain us.

We spoke with farmers who produce nutritious, locally grown food by focusing on soil health and sustainability. They understand the deep connection between the quality of delicious food at restaurants like Little Egg and the quality of the environment in which that food was grown.

Access to food is a fundamental human right. Americans deserve a food system that secures that right for everyone while doing right by farmers, food workers, and the planet. Supporting our farmers as they protect soil health and sustain local food systems is one of the best tools we have to end hunger now.

I thank Chef Evan and everyone at Union Square Greenmarket for introducing me to this important work.

HONORING THE 155TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN WESLEY POWELL'S EXPEDITION OF THE GREEN AND COLORADO RIVERS

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

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 155th anniversary of John Wesley Powell's daring expedition of the Green and Colorado Rivers. These findings literally put Utah's Canyonlands on the map. These rivers and canyons are vital to Utah's economy, agriculture, and recreation.

First, the expedition successfully navigated Flaming Gorge. The expedition then mapped and survived the vast canyons and open sagebrush flats of the present-day Uintah County and the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservations.

The expedition continued through Desolation Canyon, into eastern Utah, before meeting the confluence of the Colorado River in present-day Canyonlands National Park in San Juan County.

This year, Uintah County will commemorate the expedition with a musical, "Let's Go—a John Wesley Powell Story," in addition to the sixth annual John Wesley Powell River Festival.

These Western heroes created the records for the lands and rivers we are now so grateful to recreate in and enjoy safely.

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RECOGNIZING 25TH ARMY CORPS

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise.

Today, I rise to remind us that as we celebrate Juneteenth, let us not forget the men of the 25th Army Corps.

General Gordon Granger came into Galveston, Texas, to read General Order No. 3, announcing that the enslaved persons had been freed, but it was the 25th Army Corps that came in before General Gordon Granger and liberated Galveston, Texas.

They were 1,000 persons who had been enslaved but were now free. The 25th Army Corps deserves recommendation, and they deserve commemoration. Let us remember them, as well.

God bless you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING T.C. ROBERSON RAMS BASEBALL TEAM

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, we witnessed this week a remarkable baseball contest. In the Congressional Baseball Game, the Republicans defeated the Democrats 31-10, but, Mr. Speaker, I

rise today to congratulate and recognize some real baseball talent.

I rise today to congratulate the T.C. Roberson Rams baseball team for winning North Carolina's High School Athletic Association's 4A State title for the second year in a row. The Rams finished the season with a 14-game winning streak, and the team won a decisive 8-1 shutout victory.

The Rams are now the third 4A school in North Carolina to win back-to-back championships and the first to do so in two decades. Coach Eric Filipek has mentored this group of young men for more than 13 years, and his dedication has guided them to be better players and better leaders.

Hopefully, one day, some of these great athletes will also join our congressional baseball team. I congratulate the Rams for, again, making western North Carolina proud.

HONORING ANNA PIERCY

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Anna Piercy, a devoted educator, community leader, mother, and personal friend.

Anna dedicated about 40 years of her life to serving Anaheim Union High School District. Her journey in education started in 1968 as a seventh grade teacher at Trident Junior High School, where she instilled a love for education in all of her students.

Anna went on to serve as a member of the Anaheim Union School Board, where she continued to advocate for students and educators. She also went to serve our community as a member of Cypress City Council and as Cypress mayor.

Anna leaves behind a lasting legacy, survived by her two daughters and six grandchildren. I join her family and our community in remembering her legacy. I thank her for her community involvement, and I thank her for all she has done for us. We will not forget her.

SERVICEMEMBER QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVEMENT AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CURTIS). Pursuant to House Resolution 1287 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 8070.

Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LOUDERMILK) kindly take the chair.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the

further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8070) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, with Mr. LOUDERMILK (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, June 13, 2024, amendment No. 53, printed in part B of House Report 118-551, offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. ROGERS OF ALABAMA

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Chair, pursuant to House Resolution 1287, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 4 consisting of amendment Nos. 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, and 289 printed in part B of House Report 118-551, offered by Mr. ROGERS of Alabama:

AMENDMENT NO. 235 OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

Add at the end of title XI of division A the following:

SEC. 11. OMB EMPLOYMENT FORM REQUIREMENT FOR DOD CONTRACTORS.

The Secretary shall require all individuals hired to Department of Defense contracts to use Declaration for Federal Employment Form OMB No. 3206-0812.

AMENDMENT NO. 236 OFFERED BY MR. AMODEI OF NEVADA

At the end of subtitle D of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3. BRIEFING ON ARMY ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT USED IN COLD AND EXTREME COLD WEATHER ENVIRONMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 31, 2025, the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the modernization and sustainment plans of the Army for organizational clothing and equipment used in cold and extreme cold weather environments. The briefing shall include the following topics:

(1) The planned requirement of the Army for organizational clothing and equipment used in cold and extreme cold weather environments.

(2) The current inventory of the Army of such clothing and equipment.

(3) The modernization plan of the Army with respect to such clothing and equipment.

(4) Any relevant investments currently programmed for such clothing and equipment in the Future Years Defense Program.

(5) The cost and timeline associated with implementing such plan, including any additional outlays by Congress necessary to fulfil the plan.

(6) Such other matters as the Secretary finds appropriate.

(b) ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT USED IN COLD AND EXTREME COLD WEATHER ENVIRONMENTS.—In this section,