

Mr. Trout enlisted in the Marines and was a sergeant in the Fifth Marine Division in eastern Asia during the Vietnam war. He was also selected for the Naval Enlisted Scientific Educational Program leading to a Marine Corps regular officer commission.

Mr. Trout completed the electrical engineering program through ROTC at the University of Missouri before being commissioned to a second lieutenant and later designated an infantry officer.

During his first assignment, First Marine Division, First Regiment, he fought in the northern sector of south Vietnam. He received multiple wounds and upon release from the hospital, Lieutenant Trout limited his duty to stateside and later retired. Upon retiring, he moved to Columbia, Missouri, and added a new civil engineering degree, in addition to his previous electrical engineering degree.

He now owns and operates an engineering design company that he founded. They design, manufacture, program, install, and service computerized temperature controls. He has been in business for 44 years and is still the sole stockholder, lead director, and president of the company.

Madam Speaker, I thank Lieutenant Trout for all he does.

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#### CONGRATULATING ABI CARTER

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

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our very own Indio native Abi Carter for her remarkable achievement of winning season 22 of "American Idol" last month. Abi captured the hearts of millions of Americans, won the popular vote, and emerged as the champion.

My family and I cheered for her and have followed her incredible journey. We enjoyed witnessing the talent and passion Abi brings to her art and listening to her powerful and angelic voice.

Abi's story is one of humility, determination, passion, and resilience. As a Cal State University San Bernadino alumni and a George Washington Charter School alumni, Abi served as a role model and inspiration to young students in my district and across the Nation.

Abi was homeschooled during high school so that she could get a job and support her family. She grew up in a musical household, singing in church and talent shows and several local competitions.

Her dedication and passion are an inspiration to us all, reminding us to dream big because dreams really do come true.

We congratulate Abi. Cheers to her, her talent, and the promising future ahead. We are all immensely proud of

her for her well-deserved achievement and we will continue to support her every step of the way. We have her back.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ROAD OF HONOR

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise this morning to recognize the Road of Honor leading to the Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa.

This week, we are scheduled to have a groundbreaking for the new Road of Honor, which comes after my office secured almost a million dollars in Federal funding to repave it.

When local and State officials were unable to get the funding, my office was able to deliver Federal Community Project Funding to repave the road so that Iowans could properly honor our departed veterans.

This was made possible after Iowa State Senator Jeff Reichman and Representative Martin Graber first brought the project to my attention. I also thank Keokuk Mayor Kathie Mahoney for her involvement as the Federal funds were disbursed.

As a 24-year Army veteran, it is a privilege and an honor to recognize the Road of Honor and Keokuk National Cemetery on the House floor. I look forward to visiting again soon to honor the veterans that are buried there.

In Washington, I will continue to fight to deliver results for our veterans and for Iowa. May God bless our troops and our veterans, and may God always bless America.

#### HONORING EVETTE CARDONA AND MONA NORIEGA

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two constituents and giants of the movement for equal rights and social justice, Evette Cardona and Mona Noriega.

A formidable, beloved couple, Evette and Mona have each dedicated their lives and each made profound shared and individual contributions to work that protect human rights, defend civil liberties, and ensure services and support for Illinois' most vulnerable residents.

Consistent with their long track record of building community and convening safe space for Latina lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and other queer women to explore their multiple, intersecting identities, Evette and Mona co-founded Amigas Latinas in 1995. Madam Speaker, because of their unwavering service, they were inducted into the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame in 2022.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, I commend Evette Cardona and Mona Noriega for their love for our communities and their exceptional contributions to the ongoing struggle for civil rights. We congratulate them.

#### PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

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

Mr. OGLES. Madam Speaker, tonight the American people will tune in to watch a rigged debate with leftist hosts pretending to moderate.

Biden's sham of a judicial witch hunt is as obvious to the American people as the amount of stimulants that Biden takes before his public appearances.

Incoherent mutterings, lack of physical awareness, and wandering off demonstrate his cognitive decline. Ahead of tonight's debate, I have no doubt his puppet masters will once again be administering a concoction of drugs to keep him awake.

President Trump volunteered to take a drug test. White House handlers, however, won't let Biden take a cognitive test because they know he will fail.

I agree with President Trump. The American people deserve transparency, which is why I introduced the No Juicing Joe Act, which would require the White House to notify Congress and the American people when Biden takes anything for cognitive decline.

America is the leader of the free world. We need a Commander in Chief who is capable of articulating a coherent sentence, aware of his surroundings, and can lead with strength, a President like Donald Trump.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### REMEMBERING JOHN MURPHY

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Murphy, a former Providence city council member, business leader, and philanthropist who dedicated his life to serving Rhode Island and helping those in need.

A son of Irish immigrants, John was born and raised in Fox Point, Providence. He graduated from Hope High School, joined the Army, and served in Korea for 2 years.

His commitment to public service did not stop there. Shortly after returning home, John was elected to the Providence City Council, serving four terms.

In 1959, he founded the Home Loan Investment Bank, building it into a full-service retail bank, employing more than 100 people and helping thousands achieve the dream of home ownership and financial security.

Throughout his life, John Murphy made it a priority to give back with generous support for the Rhode Island Foundation, St. Joseph's Hospital, Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital, the Boys & Girls Club of Providence, and many more worthy organizations.

He was also passionate about education and helped start the mentoring and tutoring program at URI and the scholarship program at Providence College.

In his own words, Murphy said that he wanted underserved students to know they are important. "I don't want them to get lost or feel hopeless. I want them to know that I have walked in their shoes. I am one of them."

He never lost sight of where he came from, and he will be remembered as a man of incredible character whose legacy will endure for generations to come. He will be missed.

#### WATER SHORTAGE IN SOUTH TEXAS

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm once again on the water shortage that is plaguing south Texas and our farmers and ranchers. This is due to Mexico's lack of water deliveries, despite a binding agreement in the 1944 Water Treaty.

On the floor this week, we will vote on the 2025 Foreign Operations appropriations bill. This legislation includes language to withhold all—and I repeat—all foreign aid to Mexico until the Mexican Government delivers our water.

I was proud to help secure the language in the appropriations bill, and I hope that it sends a loud message to the Mexican Government that we demand our water, and we demand it now.

This emergency has already killed the sugar industry in the Rio Grande Valley, and I will not stand by as it destroys our citrus industry.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. MARC VANKEUREN AND EDIE XIONG

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

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Marc Vankeuren and Edie Xiong on being named the 2024–25 Twin Rivers Unified School Districts Teachers of the Year.

Marc has spent the last 8 years teaching AP Physics, AP Environmental Science, and Physics of the Universe at Grant Union High School.

Dr. Vankeuren's passion for science and innovative teaching methods ignites curiosity amongst his students and inspires them to engage in the world of science.

Edie Xiong is a fifth grade teacher at Foothill Oaks Elementary School. Edie is currently finishing her 10th year teaching at Foothill Oaks where she is recognized for her contributions both inside and outside the classroom.

Edie develops her classroom culture with a sense of family, instilling pride in her students, and motivating them to be successful in their future endeavors.

These two exceptional teachers will now advance to the countywide level Teacher of the Year competition. Thank you for helping provide our Sacramento County students with the world-class education they deserve.

#### RIISING GAS PRICES

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, in January of 2021, the average price for a gallon of gas was \$2.39 nationally. Today, it is \$3.49. These high prices are a direct result of Biden administration policies.

Tennessee families are not only paying more to drive to work and take their kids to school, they are also paying more to power their homes. Since President Biden took office, the average cost of a kilowatt of power is up 30 percent.

This is a direct result of the regulatory war being waged on domestic oil and gas production by the Biden administration. The current administration has taken more than 200 actions, all aimed at making American energy production more difficult, including killing the Keystone pipeline on day one.

Madam Speaker, the American people are tired of footing the bill for the Green New Deal agenda. Let's get our Nation's energy policy back on track so our families are better able to fill their gas tanks and pay their electric bills.

#### CONGRATULATING EMMA CLARKE

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ms. Emma Clarke of Rowan County, North Carolina's top high school female athlete of the year.

Emma is a three-sport star and is the first female student athlete from Rowan County to receive the Pat Best Memorial Award honoring North Carolina's top male and female athletes.

On the softball diamond, Emma received all-state honors twice and holds single season and career home run records in Rowan County. On the volleyball court, Emma earned all-State honors as both a junior and senior. Emma also dominated on the basketball court, earning all-conference

and all-county honors while leading her team to a 31–0 record and a State championship this year. She capped off her outstanding career with the most outstanding player performance in the 3A State championship game victory. Emma now heads to the University of Tennessee to continue her softball career.

Emma is a superstar. Her parents, Ken and Elizabeth Clarke; her grandparents, Commissioner Jim and Karen Greene, are so proud of her, and so am I. We can't wait to see what is yet to come. God bless Emma.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina). Pursuant to House Resolution 1316 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. 8771.

Will the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) 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. 8771) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, with Mrs. MILLER of Illinois (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 45 printed in part B of House report 118–559 offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MOSKOWITZ) had been postponed.

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#### AMENDMENT NO. 48 OFFERED BY MR. OGLES

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 48 printed in part B of House Report 118–559.

Mr. OGLES. Madam Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), add the following:

SEC. \_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be made available to remove the People's Republic of China from the list required by section 706(1) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–228; 22 U.S.C. 2291j–1).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1316, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.