

propose cuts, cuts, cuts to programs that help working people, and at the same time they propose giving even more tax cuts to the people at the top who don't need it.

It doesn't have to be this way.

We can go back to a system where the tax code is fair, and working people aren't asked to pay an unfair burden. By asking the people at the top to pay their fair share again like they used to, we can do incredible things in this country.

We can ensure that Social Security benefits keep up with the cost of living and that the program's life is extended indefinitely. We can cut the cost of healthcare. We can ensure that every child receives a world-class education. We can provide tax relief to working people who actually need it.

The possibilities are right there in front of us, but we need to reverse this dangerous trend. We need to stop the corruption. We need to start working for working people, not the big donors and the lobbyists, and we need to put people over politics.

IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW WYATT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FULCHER). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a fallen hero: Corporal Matthew Wyatt of Millstadt, Illinois.

Matthew was a marine serving in Iraq's Al Anbar Province when a suicide bomber approached his base in a truck loaded with explosives.

Matt and another marine took quick action to stop the attempted breach. An explosion killed both servicemembers instantly. Matt was just 1 week from his 22nd birthday.

Matt's commitment to our military service came from his father, Marine Gunnery Sergeant Alan Wyatt, and his two grandfathers—one Army, and one Navy.

Matt enlisted during his senior year at Belleville West High School. When his mother, Verlene, asked if he was willing to go to war, without hesitation Matt instantly answered: Yes.

Matt cared deeply for those he served with—so much so that he gave his life protecting them.

For his bravery, Matt was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. His commanding officer personally traveled to Millstadt, Illinois, to present the family with his medals.

To honor his sacrifice today, I am introducing legislation to rename the United States Post Office in Millstadt in his name.

I thank all Members of our Illinois delegation—Republicans and Democrats—for cosponsoring the bill. I thank my colleagues from North Carolina for their support and Representative MANNING for cosponsoring, as well.

This is a small but meaningful tribute to a small-town southern Illinoisan

who made a big difference for his country.

It has been 20 years since we lost Matt, but his legacy burns bright.

In a local news interview years after the loss, Matt's father, Alan, the marine gunnery sergeant said: "I do think of him every day. I still love and miss you, son."

It is a love that also carries on in the hearts of his mother, Verlene; stepmother, Lauren; grandmother, Millie; aunts; uncles; numerous cousins; and dear friends.

It has been said that one of life's greatest gifts is to be remembered. Corporal Matthew Wyatt will be remembered, and that is never going to change.

Semper fi, marine.

HONORING IAN BASTEK

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

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Captain Ian Bastek who recently retired as the commanding officer in the Air Station Sacramento Command.

Captain Bastek's career began in 1997 in the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and has been marked by exemplary dedication and leadership in the 27 years since.

From training pilots at the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Alabama to serving as Senior U.S. Coast Guard Joint Task Force East adviser to NORAD and U.S. NORTHCOM, Captain Bastek has made immense contributions to our Nation's security throughout his decorated career.

His contributions have earned him multiple prestigious military awards, including three Meritorious Service Medals, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and four Coast Guard Achievement Medals.

Captain Bastek's leadership at Air Station Sacramento was particularly notable. Under his leadership, the air station solved a critical fuselage issue that grounded the world's C-27J fleet.

While serving at Air Station Sacramento, Captain Bastek worked closely with my congressional office. His insights and advocacy were instrumental in ensuring that our Coast Guard units received the necessary funding to continue their essential missions.

As he transitions to his new role as the deputy director of response in California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, I am confident that his leadership skills and expertise will continue to benefit our State.

Please join me in congratulating Captain Ian Bastek on his remarkable career and new position.

RECOGNIZING JAREK NECZYPOR

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Jarek Neczypor for his perseverance and participation in the Department of Defense's 2024 Warrior Games.

A native of Sacramento, Lieutenant Neczypor joined the Navy with a desire

to serve his country and see the world. His service took him across Asia, where he proudly represented our Nation.

Following his injuries, Lieutenant Neczypor's involvement with the Navy Wounded Warrior connected him with fellow servicemembers fostering a supportive community crucial to his healing journey.

In this network, Lieutenant Neczypor and his shipmates have shared valuable resources related to education, employment, and veteran support organizations. These experiences inspired him to attend law school where he continues in his commitment to serve others through his involvement in Yale's Veterans Legal Services Clinic and Medical-Legal Partnership.

This year in the Warrior Games, Lieutenant Neczypor competed in cycling, precision air sports, track, wheelchair basketball, and wheelchair rugby.

Please join me in celebrating Lieutenant Jarek Neczypor's outstanding achievements and continued dedication to his fellow veterans.

CALIFORNIA CAPITAL AIRSHOW

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the upcoming California Capital Airshow set to take place this weekend at Mather Airport in Sacramento County. Established in 2004, this annual event not only honors our region's rich aviation heritage and our brave veterans, but it also inspires the next generation with the power and magic of flight.

This year's airshow promises to be a spectacular celebration, featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and Italy's Frecce Tricolori. As we mark the 75th anniversary of NATO this week in Washington, this event underscores the strength of our alliances and the collaborative spirit that underpins our international partnerships.

The California Capital Airshow offers exhilarating aerial performances, interactive exhibits, and educational programs that engage and inspire our community.

It is time for families to come together, for us to celebrate our shared history and to look forward to the future of aviation and aerospace innovation.

As a proud Representative of Sacramento County, I am thrilled to support an event that brings such pride to our community. Let us celebrate this dedication of our servicemen and -women and the enduring power of international cooperation. It keeps our skies safe.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TRIXIE AVERILL

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and service of my constituent and friend, Trixie Averill, who passed away on May 25, 2024.

Trixie was a beloved wife to Dan; a devoted mother to Marcus and Amy; a cherished grandmother to Noah, Aurora, and Gabriel; and a dear friend to so many.

Originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, Trixie moved to the Roanoke Valley in 1979. She served with enthusiasm as a member of the Virginia Tourism Board. As an activist and tireless organizer, she was always sincere, warm, dedicated, and an absolute delight to work with.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Trixie Averill. She diligently and effectively served her God, community, family, and Virginia's Sixth Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
SOCCER TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Glenvar High School girls' soccer team on winning the 2024, VHSL, Class 2 State championship, their second State title in the last 3 years.

After working hard all season, the team left it all on the field and beat Clarke County High School after four periods of overtime. Finishing the season with an impressive record of 21-0-1, there is no doubt that these girls earned this season and their championship.

I would like to recognize each of the outstanding players of this team, including Giuliana Stanley, who won the VHSL Class 2 Player of the Year, I recognize Chloe Childers, Sophie Childers, Lauren Claud, Madelaine Frackelton, Annie George, Campbell Hardin, Adalee Harvey, Logann Meadows, Megan Pomerleau, Brooke Smyth, Avery Steger, Davin Tate, Caitlin Underwood, Anna Vecellio, and Sawyer Wilson. As the head coach for 3 years, Coach Kyleigh Drew won the VHSL Coach of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, again, I congratulate the 2024 Glenvar High School girls' soccer team. Virginia's Sixth Congressional District is incredibly proud of their accomplishment, and I wish them continued success in the seasons ahead.

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CONGRATULATING ISRAEL HAIRSTON

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the outstanding achievements of Israel Hairston from Vinton.

A standout graduate of William Byrd High School, Israel's leadership on the football field and in academics is truly commendable. He not only brought home the school's first regional football title but also earned the prestigious title of Class 3 Virginia High School League Foundation Achievement Award Scholar Athlete of the Year for his exemplary high school career.

Israel's commitment to excellence and dedication is further exemplified by his upcoming enrollment in Virginia Tech to play football for the Hokies.

I congratulate Israel on a job well done and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PROTECTING ELECTION INTEGRITY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a pressing issue that poses a direct threat to the integrity of American elections.

While the left has made baseless claims of a stolen 2016 election due to alleged foreign interference, they neglect the real peril of foreign meddling through noncitizen voting in our elections.

Under the Biden administration's leadership for the past 3 years, we have witnessed an alarming surge of over 9.6 million illegal immigrant encounters, with certain States even granting driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

To safeguard the integrity of American elections, we must pass the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, or SAVE Act. This vital legislation requires States to verify proof of citizenship during voter registration for Federal elections.

It is simply common sense that only U.S. citizens should vote in Federal elections. However, the left seems to care more about noncitizens' ability to vote over upholding the rights of American citizens. While they prioritize their agendas, we are committed to safeguarding election integrity.

Let us uphold the bedrock principles of our democracy and protect the voices of the American people.

CONGRATULATING GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS'
SOCCER TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Glenvar High School boys' soccer team on their remarkable victory in the 2024 Virginia High School League Class 2 State championship, their second State title in a row.

They had a flawless 22-0 record this year and an outstanding 18 shutouts, including a streak of 10 consecutive shutouts.

These talented student athletes include Jake Williams, who was named VHSL Class 2 Player of the Year, Grayson Shepherd, Jackson Jones, Alan Vu, Kees Van Gerven, Gavin Miller, Tyler Curfiss, Zach Curfiss, Levi King, Seth Nichols, Heath Russell, Kian Fisher, Luke Farmer, Jax Boling, Avery McClanahan, Cooper Mullins, Bryce King, Dylan Ludlow, Griffin Geddes, Adam Saunders, Alex Rotkamp, Aidan Hylton, Zach Adams, Evan Harris, Ryder Francisco, Wesley Feliciano, Connor Magruder, and Tyler Shannon.

Their continued success is a testament to a winning culture led by Head Coach Josh Jones, head coach for 4 years and VHSL Class 2 Coach of the Year.

I congratulate the 2024 Glenvar Highlanders boys' soccer team on this incredible achievement. It is an honor to have such a program in Virginia's Sixth Congressional District. I wish them the best for many seasons to come.

HONORING CORPORAL MATTHEW
A. WYATT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. MANNING) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the late Corporal Matthew A. Wyatt.

After graduating from high school in June 2001, Corporal Wyatt made the courageous decision to serve his country. He joined the Marine Corps, where he was based at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina before deploying to Iraq.

On December 3, 2004, Corporal Wyatt gave his life to stop an enemy attack on his base. He was only 21 years old.

Corporal Wyatt bravely acted without hesitation to save the lives of his fellow servicemembers. I know the impact the loss of a loved one can have on a bereaved family, the Gold Star family that continues to mourn the loss of their fallen hero: his father, Marine Gunnery Sergeant Alan Wyatt; his mother, Verlone; and his entire family and their proud three-generation history of military service.

Corporal Wyatt's stepmother, Lauren, works in my district office, helping ensure that veterans and military families in my district get the care they need. In her work, she honors Corporal Wyatt's service and sacrifice for our country.

To pay tribute to Corporal Wyatt's sacrifice, I am proud to cosponsor Representative BOST's legislation to rename the United States post office in his hometown of Millstadt, Illinois, in Corporal Wyatt's honor.

I thank Representative BOST for his efforts and for the beautiful remarks he made about Matt on the House floor this morning.

While no act of gratitude will ever be enough to fill the void left by Corporal Wyatt's absence, I hope this small but meaningful gesture will comfort his loved ones and remind them that his sacrifice will not be forgotten.

HONORING DONALD N. LORENZ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. LESKO) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my late father, Donald N. Lorenz.

My dad was such a positive influence in my life. He worked hard, was honest, and helped other people. My dad left early every morning to go to work. He worked hard. He really cared about his work, was loyal to the Kohler Company, where he worked, and really cared about the men who worked under his leadership.

My dad was a skilled woodworker. He not only carved the patterns for engines and plumbing fixtures but also carved the intricate design for the entry sign into the Kohler Company itself. He made and carved furniture that our family still uses today and