

government can be a positive force for change. She is the kind of public servant people aspire to be.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Stacey, and I wish her family the very best in the next chapter of her life as she retires.

#### BIG WIN FOR GEORGIA RESIDENTS

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the House's passage of the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2024, which includes language to address an issue that is critical to the residents of my district.

I have worked for many years in Congress to find a permanent solution regarding the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, one that works for job creators, municipalities, and our community alike.

Unfortunately, the Corps of Engineers selected a rock weir option as an alternative to replace the lock and dam, which would drop the pool level far below the needs of the community, and in the Corps' simulation of that project had disastrous impacts up and down the riverbank.

I was proud to partner with Representative MIKE COLLINS to get language included in the Water Resources Development Act to stop the Corps' disastrous rock weir plan and clarify congressional intent to maintain our pool level at 114.5 feet. This is a big win for the residents of my district.

#### SARA IS AN INNOCENT CIVILIAN

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

Mr. BOWMAN. Mr. Speaker, this is Sara. Sara is a 17-year-old Palestinian girl whose entire body was burned by an Israeli bomb. She could not seek immediate medical attention because the IDF had her home surrounded. It is a miracle that she survived. Her brother and sister did not.

That Israeli bomb was paid for by the American tax dollar. We continue to fund the collective punishment of civilians in Palestine, in Gaza. Sara is not Hamas. She is a civilian. She is innocent. She loved to play volleyball. Her brothers loved to ride horses.

Now today, we have invited Binyamin Netanyahu, who is being charged with war crimes, to address this House. Are we a democracy for all? Are we a democracy that leads with our humanity or will we continue to support the war crimes of Netanyahu?

#### CONGRATULATING EDINBURG, TEXAS

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

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the great city of Edinburg, Texas, for being awarded the prestigious All-America City title for the fourth time. This honor was recently bestowed upon Edinburg at the National Civic League conference last month.

The All-America City award is the Nation's highest civic recognition, celebrating communities that exemplify outstanding civic engagement, inclusivity, and innovative problem solving. This award is a testament to the dedication and the spirit of Edinburg's residents. Their commitment to community programs, local initiatives, and neighborly support truly embodies the essence of what it means to be the All-America City.

This accolade not only honors Edinburg's past achievements, but it also inspires a future of continued excellence and innovation.

Please join me in congratulating Edinburg, Texas, on this remarkable achievement. Congratulations, Edinburg.

#### HONORING THE LATE CONGRESSMAN HENRY NOWAK

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to former Congressman Henry Nowak, an 18-year Member of this body, who passed away on July 21, leaving an incredible legacy of service to our country and my community.

Congressman Nowak was a star college basketball player at his beloved Canisius University, a brilliant student of law, a dedicated public servant, and a veteran of the United States Army. Back home, he was known as Buffalo's billion-dollar man for his advocacy in Congress which delivered some of the largest infrastructure projects in our region's history, including Interstate 990 in the northtowns and U.S. Route 219 in the southern tier.

Those who knew him best remember Congressman Nowak as the perfect balance of kind and fierce, reserved and witty, a leader and a mentor, which he was to me. He will be missed dearly by family and friends, including his loving wife of 58 years, Rose; his son, New York State Supreme Court Justice Henry Nowak, Jr.; his daughter, Diane; and six grandchildren.

He was a statesman, a family man, and a patriot. We are forever indebted for his faithful service to our great Nation. May he rest in peace.

#### REMEMBERING TIM DOBOS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember

the life and legacy of Timothy Paul Dobos of Mill Hall, Pennsylvania.

Tim Dobos died on July 11 after a courageous 10-year battle with ALS. He was just 36.

Tim was a Marine Corps veteran. He worked as an electronic warfare analyst with the 2nd Radio Battalion, was deployed to Kuwait with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. In 2010, when earthquakes devastated Haiti, Tim assisted in relief efforts, earning him a Humanitarian Service Medal. Tim rose to the rank of lance corporal before being honorably discharged in 2012.

In April 2014, Tim was diagnosed with ALS, but that diagnosis didn't slow him down. In 2018, Tim earned a degree in applied physics from Lock Haven University.

I was fortunate enough to call Tim a friend. His contagious personality brought happiness to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He lived a life dedicated to service and caring for others.

I offer my deepest condolences to Tim's wife, Robyn, their sons, and his family. Knowing Tim was a blessing. Having him as a friend was a blessing, and may Tim's memory be a blessing to all.

#### WORKING TOWARD LASTING PEACE IN GAZA

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

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage. Gaza has been decimated by the Israeli military using weapons provided by the United States. Over 39,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed, and more are being killed every day. Most homes, most infrastructure destroyed.

Yet, what do we do? We welcome Netanyahu, the person responsible for this, to address Congress with open arms. As a student of history and as a Black woman in this country, I am keenly aware of the role that this very body has played in the marginalizing of Black and Brown folks domestically and abroad. This is why I refuse to remain silent.

When Putin commits war crimes, we condemn him. When Netanyahu commits war crimes, we give him excuses and bombs. This hypocrisy is not lost on the world. Americans are less safe, and our standing in the world is greatly diminished because of our inability to remain morally consistent.

Years from now, this body will be ashamed of its actions. The large majority of our constituents are ashamed today. It is well past time that we stop this moral inconsistency and start working toward a just and lasting peace for all in this region.

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## SALUTING ELIZABETH CLAXTON

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our top 10 speechwriters for this year's Missouri's Fourth Congressional District Speech Competition. They were chosen to write speeches on what America means to them, and today, we are saluting Elizabeth Claxton of Holden High School in Johnson County, Missouri.

Elizabeth says: "To me, America is more than just the land I grew up in. America is the persons who surround me and the companionships I share with them. America is small towns and big cities full of people and their lives and the bonds they form with each other. Fellowships of all kinds fill America and make up our Nation. We are all of different backgrounds, who have different futures but are deeply intertwined as members of our beautiful and intricate country. America is all of these people and cultures woven together to create our society. America isn't just a land or national entity but one diverse yet blended people."

Mr. Speaker, we salute Elizabeth and thank her for her great work.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PHIL BRANDI

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and memory of my constituent, Phil Brandi, who passed away on July 17 at the age of 90.

He lived in Greentree and was born and raised in Sheraden. He was a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many. He was married to Alice for 66 years. He loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his buddies at McDonald's, his Local 27 retirees, and his friends at the cardiac rehab at Ohio Valley Hospital.

A veteran, he served his country in the Army and was a proud member of Plumbers Local 27 for 65 years. Not only was he a proud union member and retiree, his son and grandkids have followed in his footsteps in Local 27.

Phil's life may seem ordinary to many, but I think he represents the very best of western Pennsylvania, the values of hard work, patriotism, and sacrifice. We honor his life. We honor his legacy, and we hold him and his family in our hearts.

## CELEBRATING SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH'S CENTENNIAL

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight a significant milestone in the history of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the heart of Covington, Virginia, as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Originally a mission of St. Joseph's Church in Clifton Forge, Sacred Heart became a full parish in 1924, and Reverend William Payne served as its first parish priest.

Reverend Joseph Jurgens served as Sacred Heart's longest tenured pastor from 1939 to 1968, and it was during this time that the church grew immensely. The many expansions and renovations the parish hall and church have seen over the years are a testament to Sacred Heart's vibrant life and giving spirit.

Sacred Heart's service to the community includes a preschool that has served hundreds of children in the region, as well as the Allegheny Highlands Christmas Mother Program, which has been assisting families in need during the Christmas season for over 70 years.

Sacred Heart's centennial was celebrated beginning with Mass and the ceremonial participation of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, followed by a catered luncheon in the parish hall. Sacred Heart is a solid rock on which Covington's faithful parishioners stand. I congratulate them on reaching this special moment in their history.

## SARA FROM GAZA

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to fulfill a promise, a promise I made to a 17-year-old girl named Sara to share her story.

Sara is a brilliant artist and a loving sister. She was savagely burned and severely injured in an Israeli airstrike, an airstrike that killed her two brothers, Ahmad, 15 years old, and Mohamed, 8 years old.

Sara and her mother are currently in the U.S. seeking medical treatment, treatment she couldn't access for over a month as her family was trapped in Gaza and denied care. No child should ever have to endure this brutality.

Sara's mother spoke about Ahmad and Mohamed with love. They were gentle, sweet boys who lit up the room with joy and loved to ride horses with their sister.

What have we as a Nation done? We are supplying bombs that maim and murder babies. Where is our humanity?

I carry Sara and her family with me always, and I will press for peace in her name.

## RECOGNIZING SERGEANT MELISSA DANGERFIELD

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, whether flying by with sirens wailing in those awesome cruisers or walking the neighborhood beat, we know we can depend on our local police for safety and security. It is even better when the officer has a familiar face.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of those familiar faces, Sergeant Melissa Dangerfield, for her extraordinary commitment and service to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

For 35 years, Sergeant Dangerfield has dedicated her career to the safety of Clay County, Florida. Sergeant Dangerfield began her journey in 1989 as a dispatcher and later became a sworn law enforcement officer, investigating crimes with the special victims unit.

Since 2016, she has been imparting her knowledge as a professor by teaching at the St. Johns River State College Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Clay County is a safer place thanks to the dedication of Sergeant Melissa Dangerfield.

On behalf of Clay County and these United States, we extend our deepest appreciation for her 35 years of exemplary service.

## RECOGNIZING TOMMY PAUL

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an eastern North Carolina native and American tennis superstar, Tommy Paul.

Raised in Greenville, North Carolina, Tommy began his professional tennis career after graduating from J.H. Rose High School at 18 years old.

Nearly a decade later, Tommy will represent the United States at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Earlier, Tommy became the highest ranked American tennis professional, reaching a career-high world tour ranking number of 12. In June, he won his biggest title ever at the Queen's Club in London and followed it up with a quarterfinal finish in Wimbledon.

As the Olympics get underway, we will all enthusiastically cheer for Tommy as he goes for gold. With the full support of eastern North Carolina, we will be hearing, "Game, set, match, Paul," very soon.

## CONGRATULATING MINNESOTA CIVIL AIR PATROL CADET EVAN EKSTRAND

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Minnesota Civil Air Patrol Cadet Evan Ekstrand, who was awarded the General Carl A. Spaatz Award.

This award is the Civil Air Patrol's highest honor and is given to less than 1 percent of Civil Air Patrol cadets for excellence in leadership, character,