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Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ed Zipperer on his 93rd birthday.

A local legend, Ed was born in Savannah, Georgia, in 1931. He grew up working on his family farm along U.S. 17. He attended Savannah High School before earning an agricultural engineering degree from the University of Georgia.

He went on to coach basketball in 1965, forming one of the few racially integrated teams in the State. Well liked by all, he was persuaded to run for the State Senate, ultimately winning the seat and serving in the State Senate from 1967 to 1975.

Serving on 13 committees, he was instrumental in building the Skidaway Island State Park, Fort McAllister State Park, and Kings Ferry Ogeechee River public recreational area. He was dedicated to protecting and preserving land in south Georgia.

In addition, Ed served as president of the Chatham County Farm Bureau for 40 years. Ed has dedicated his life to serving those around him and continues to do that going on 93 years strong.

Mr. Speaker, we are thankful for great Americans such as Ed Zipperer.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF JULIANA TURCHETTI

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of a local hero, Juliana Turchetti, who lost her life fighting the Horse Gulch wildfire in Montana.

Many central Illinoisans know Juliana as the owner of Aviatori Coffee House in Springfield and will remember her for her warm smile, but she was also a skilled and passionate pilot and an admired figure in our aviation community.

With over 6,000 flight hours, she has been flying airplanes for 17 years, from agricultural dusting planes to her favorite, the Fire Boss.

A few months ago when she took the next step to become a full-time aerial firefighter, Juliana said that it was a dream job and that she was proud to be part of a mission.

She answered the call to service, stepping up to help protect communities and save lives.

Juliana will be remembered for her bravery and passion, her devotion to her son, and her love of good coffee.

Mr. Speaker, as we mourn her loss, let us send our thoughts and prayers to her loved ones and everyone who has been touched and inspired by her life.

WISHING OAKLEY FARRIS A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. MASSIE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish a very special 100th birthday to my friend and constituent, Mr. Oakley Farris.

Mr. Farris grew up near Lexington, Kentucky. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and fought heroically in World War II. After returning from his tour of duty in Europe, Mr. Farris settled in Covington, Kentucky, and began working as a salesman, traveling up and down the East Coast.

It was on a sales trip to Miami that Mr. Farris met his future wife, Eva. An immigrant from Havana, Cuba, Eva went on to study at Columbia University. Together, the Farris built a very successful business.

Mr. Farris and his late wife made countless charitable investments in our community. I am grateful for all that Mr. Farris has done for my constituents, and I am honored to represent him in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy birthday to Oakley. May he have many more years of good health and happiness.

CONDEMNING THE HIGHLY PARTISAN BORDER RESOLUTION CRITICIZING VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS

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

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the highly partisan resolution criticizing Vice President KAMALA HARRIS' work on the border.

Like so many Americans, my constituents are sick and tired and they are worried that immigration and border security are being used as political talking points instead of a policy priority.

I agree, but facts are facts. It has been over 100 days since congressional Republicans walked away from the table on the most comprehensive, bipartisan border security deal in decades because former President Trump wants to politicize the issue rather than to find an actual solution.

Let's be clear: Trump killed the deal.

Mr. Speaker, the best way to restore order at the border and fix our broken immigration system is passing a bill through Congress. That is exactly what the Biden-Harris administration wanted to do. I know we can get this done, but only if we work together, not as Democrats and Republicans, but as Americans.

HONORING AN EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVANT, DAVID WILFONG

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor my dear friend and an extraordinary citizen of New York's 23rd Congressional District and a devoted public servant, David Wilfong.

David has been a pillar of the Jamestown community, serving as county legislator and a former chairman of the Chautauqua County Republican committee.

He is also a U.S. Army veteran and the director of maintenance at the Rehabilitation Center in Olean. His life and his remarkable achievements can teach us all a lot about public service.

His work on projects like the Juneteenth festival and the Northside Community and Chadakoin Park projects shows his continued commitment to making Jamestown a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Dave never fails to reach across the aisle to get things done, and he always, always puts people above politics.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call David a friend, and his support over the years means the world to me. He has built a legacy of service and kindness that will continue to inspire our community for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CEDRIC HUNTLEY

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cedric Huntley, a community leader who dedicated his life to improving the lives of young people and making Rhode Island a safer place to live.

Cedric, known by many as "Mr. Ced," was a powerful force for good. He served as site director of the South Providence Recreation Center, located right where he grew up on the south side of Providence and wore many hats as counselor, mentor, and listener to members of the community.

It was through his life experience and empathy for others that he connected with Rhode Islanders from all walks of life to build relationships for positive change.

He came out of retirement to lead the Nonviolence Institute as executive director to break cycles of violence that plague too many neighborhoods.

The Nonviolence Institute does crucial work in greater Providence to serve as a bridge between community members at risk from violence, social service agencies, and law enforcement to reduce crime and support victims.

When I served as Rhode Island's general treasurer, I ran the State's crime victims compensation program and had the privilege of working with Cedric and his team to help hundreds of Rhode Islanders who were victims of violent crimes get the compensation that they needed to get back on their feet.

During this time, I saw firsthand the work he did as a peacemaker and how

he worked to prevent acts of violence before they occurred.

Mr. Speaker, it was an honor and a privilege to work with him. His legacy will live on for a long time through the lives that he touched.

WE MUST STAND WITH ISRAEL

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the situation facing Israel is critical and it is escalating. The nation is under attack, not just from isolated factions, but from a coordinated effort orchestrated by Iran.

Rockets have rained down on Israel from Lebanon, the Gaza Strip, and Yemen, forcing Israel to defend its citizens and its sovereignty from these relentless threats.

It is crucial to understand that these attacks are not random acts of violence but are part of a larger, more coordinated plan.

In each of these regions, there exists a militia backed by Iran. In the Gaza Strip, it is Hamas. In Yemen, it is the Houthis. In Lebanon, it is Hezbollah.

These groups are not acting independently. They are funded, supplied, and directed by Iran as part of a calculated strategy to encircle and weaken Israel.

The current situation is exacerbated by the policies of previous U.S. administrations and currently the Biden administration that has only encouraged Iran.

Secretary Blinken recently warned that Iran is potentially within weeks of nuclear weapon capabilities. This is not hyperbole; it is a dire reality.

I appreciate greatly Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu speaking to us today to underline how important our alliance is with Israel and that victory is the only acceptable outcome over the vile acts of Hamas.

Mr. Speaker, we must stand with Israel.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF CEDRIC PAUL HUNTLEY

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

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, like Mr. MAGAZINER previously, I recognize and stand with Rhode Islanders who are in mourning for a giant in our community, Mr. Cedric Paul Huntley.

Cedric, or Mr. Ced, as he was known, was a convener of communities and a staunch advocate for peace.

As the executive director of the Non-violence Institute and throughout all of his youth development work, he led with heart and he led with compassion, striving to end the cycles of violence that tear families and neighborhoods apart.

In this effort, he lived by example. You could always find Mr. Ced spread-

ing the gospel of kindness, whether it was strangers he had just met or loved ones he had known for years.

Above all, Cedric believed in service to others. His legacy lives on through his work in State government and our school systems and through his work as a small business owner and as a champion for Rhode Island's charitable causes.

Last week, we came together for Cedric's memorial service and procession.

Today, it is my privilege to speak his name into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on the House floor, the people's House, so that his legacy may live on for generations to come.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPANGLER DUM DUMS

(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, this past Saturday, I joined the community of Bryan, Ohio, and people from across our region to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Spangler Candy Company's famous Dum Dums.

These lollipops and Spangler itself are true Williams County institutions that have made northwest Ohio proud for generations.

It was great to see so many friendly faces, both young and old, including local officials, community members, families, children, and members of the namesake Spangler family themselves.

Dum Dums are so synonymous with Bryan, Ohio, their town water tower is made to look like a bundle of these famous suckers.

I don't miss an opportunity to share these homegrown gems. Earlier this month, I brought a bunch of lollipops to each of my colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee to keep them sweet and kind.

I invite all my colleagues to stop by my office to grab a Dum Dum or come out to Bryan to tour Spangler's magnificent facility.

Cheers to many more years of these sweet treats and delightful people of all ages across the globe. Onward, Dum Dums. Onward, Spangler. Onward, Bryan, Ohio. We are so proud of you.

RECOGNIZING KAREN TAMLEY AND MICHELLE GARCIA

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend two of my incredible constituents for Disability Pride Month: Karen Tamley and Michelle Garcia.

Karen and Michelle are both leaders in the disability community and serve Chicago through their work at Access Living.

Karen serves as the CEO of Access Living and prior to that served three Chicago mayors as commissioner of the mayor's office for people with disabilities. She has served on a wide variety of government and nonprofit boards and has made a lifetime of contributions to disability advocacy locally and nationally. I commend Karen.

As their Latine community organizer, through her exceptional leadership, relationship building, and advocacy, Michelle has increased the number of Latine people with disabilities, leading the work and organizing on issues like immigration and healthcare.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my great honor to commend Karen Tamley and Michelle Garcia for making Chicago a more inclusive and accessible city for all of its residents. I congratulate them.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA OLYMPIANS

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

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Virginia athletes who will soon compete in the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

This year, nearly 600 athletes will compete for Team USA, including 15 talented individuals from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As we look forward to Friday's opening ceremony and prepare to cheer on our Olympians, we have to recognize the incredible achievement of having been bestowed the honor and privilege that they have in representing our country on the world stage.

Their success is a testament to their relentless pursuit of greatness—the years of rigorous training, the sacrifice, and the instrumental support of their families, their friends, their coaches, and their communities.

Today, I commend these Americans, these Virginians, for their exceptional talents, for the challenges they have overcome, and for the countless hours they have dedicated to mastering their sport.

These athletes carry with them the pride and encouragement of every Virginian, and I wish them the best of luck as they make our Commonwealth and our country proud.

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

(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. I rise today to remind us of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King: The truest measure of the person is not where you stand in times of comfort and convenience but where you stand in times of great challenge and controversy.