

### HONORING RESPONDERS OF ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN FIRE

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

Mr. LOPEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the many responders, agencies, organizations, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to respond to the Alexander Mountain Fire, which last month ravaged 9,600 acres near Loveland, Colorado, and destroyed more than 50 structures, including 26 homes.

As with previous disasters, these people and organizations, such as Loveland Fire Rescue Authority, Thompson Valley EMS, Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District, Larimer County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management, and many others, rose to the challenge and kept the tragedy from being much worse.

We know from experience that when faced with adversity, the people will come together in the spirit of community during and after an emergency to respond vigorously and recover profoundly. We owe first responders and the families that support them a huge debt of gratitude.

Madam Speaker, we recognize these amazing efforts and know that if and when great challenges come before us in the future, we will conquer them and emerge stronger because that is what we can expect from the great people of Colorado.

### RECOGNIZING DR. CEDRIC DARK

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

Mrs. FLETCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the work of Dr. Cedric Dark, a board-certified emergency physician who serves people across Houston in a trauma center and who has just written his first book, "Under the Gun: An ER Doctor's Cure for America's Gun Epidemic," published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

As an emergency physician, Dr. Dark has witnessed the devastating impacts of gun violence in our community, and his experiences in the emergency room have motivated him to work to find policy solutions to reduce gun violence.

"Under the Gun" reminds us that making public policy and keeping our communities safe are collaborative efforts that benefit from the wisdom, experience, and participation of many.

While some people tell our doctors to stay in their lane, through this insightful and compelling work, Dr. Dark demonstrates that gun violence prevention is and must be all of our lane.

### SUPPORTING UAW MEMBERS

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

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago, UAW members across the country went on strike and won a historic victory by securing agreements with the Big Three auto manufacturers. That included an agreement with Stellantis to retool and reopen the Chrysler assembly plant in Belvidere, Illinois.

Thanks to the solidarity of UAW members across the country, Stellantis agreed to not only reopen the Belvidere plant but to also build a brand-new battery factory there and an automobile parts distribution center.

That agreement was only possible because of strong Federal and State incentives put in place to secure a bright economic future for places like Belvidere.

Nearly a year later, Stellantis has yet to follow through on the commitments they made, leaving hundreds of workers in limbo and delaying the promised investments.

One cannot but wonder if they are waiting until after the election to see if Trump's Project 2025 will destroy those investments and, with it, the future of Belvidere.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to reiterate my support to the UAW workers who fought hard for this contract, and I call on Stellantis to honor the agreement they made.

### SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES' KIDS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank my colleagues who voted in support of the Care for Military Kids Act, vital legislation Congresswoman JENNIFER KIGGANS and I introduced together.

The bipartisan Care for Military Kids Act ensures servicemembers can maintain critical healthcare coverage and medical services for their children, no matter where their service takes them.

Relocation is a fact of life for many of our servicemen and -women, and this can lead to uncertainty around Medicaid and CHIP coverage for their children due to these services being handled at the State level.

Our legislation will save military families from facing this added burden of healthcare insecurity by establishing streamlined Medicaid plans. This clarity and consistency ensure that no child of a servicemember will go without essential medical services.

I look forward to the Senate's passage. Let us stand together in full support of our military families' kids and send this legislation to the President's desk to be signed into law.

Madam Speaker, I thank all the Members who supported us in this endeavor.

### HONORING CAPTAIN PAUL BUCHA

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Captain Paul Bucha, a Medal of Honor recipient and a longtime resident of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Captain Bucha was the son of a World War II veteran, attended West Point, and ultimately earned a master's degree from Stanford University. He was deployed to Vietnam in 1967 and assumed his first command after only 2 months in country.

In March 1968, Captain Bucha and his men encountered a North Vietnamese force more than 10 times the size of their own. Outgunned and outmanned, Captain Bucha rallied his troops, commanding a vigorous all-night defense that deceived the 1,500 enemy combatants into believing that his own force of 89 was much larger.

He personally eliminated a fortified enemy position and directed the medical evacuation of his wounded men, all while coping with his own shrapnel wounds.

President Nixon bestowed the Medal of Honor upon Captain Bucha 2 years after his courageous actions, citing his "extraordinary heroism, inspirational example, outstanding leadership, and professional competence."

At the time of his death, he held the distinction of being Connecticut's only living Medal of Honor recipient. Captain Paul Bucha passed away in July 2024 and is survived by his wife, Cynthia, his four children, and his nine grandchildren.

A true American hero, may he rest in peace.

### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE DAY

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Food Service Employee Day.

The food service workers at hospitals and care facilities across Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District work each and every day to ensure that patients are fed the healthy and nutritious meals that they need.

Last month, I had the honor to meet the food service staff at the Conemaugh Miners Medical Center in Cambria County. Each and every one of them showed their firm commitment to the patients at the hospital, and it is unparalleled. Far too often, their work goes unrecognized.

Today, please join me in recognizing these men and women for their work and for their compassion for the sick and the injured as they heal. Their outstanding public service should not go unnoted.

### SPOOKY STORIES

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

Mr. CASTEN. Madam Speaker, since we will not be together on Halloween, I thought I would share some spooky stories with you, and these spooky stories are all real, verbatim, and lifted directly from the Republican Party's playbook, Project 2025.

The Department of Education should be eliminated. Eliminate the Head Start program.

The Department of Labor should amend its hazard order regulations to permit teenage workers access to work. In other words, back to the mine, Timmy.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration should be broken up and downsized. No more weather forecasts.

Finally, no public education employee shall use a name to address a student other than the name listed on a student's birth certificate.

This, of course, will be a problem for James Donald Bowman, James David Hamel, J.D. Hamel, or, as they now identify, J.D. VANCE.

This is truly scary because it is a real plan, but Madam Speaker, I hope you and all Americans' fears are only imaginary in 2025.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF 10/7

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

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, October 7, 2023, was supposed to be a day of joy. Jewish communities around the world, including many in my Queens district, were gathering to celebrate a holiday, but instead, it was and forever will be a day of agony.

October 7 was the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust. Hamas terrorists invaded Israel, murdered over 1,200 people, took more than 251 hostages, and destroyed entire communities.

I will never forget going to shuls in Queens that night to share the news of the attack with my constituents.

Madam Speaker, 1 year later, our hearts remain heavy as we pray for all remaining hostages to be returned home safely. Our souls remain shattered as we see the rise in anti-Semitism at home and abroad.

The sacred bond between the U.S. and Israel will not be broken, and our commitment to Israel's security and countering the Iranian threat will not waver.

May the memories of all those murdered that day be a blessing, and may we continue working to achieve peace.

#### RECOGNIZING RHODE ISLAND FIRE CHIEFS HONOR FLIGHT HUB

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

Mr. AMO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Honor Flight Hub.

My constituent, U.S. Army Lieutenant John Wolf, is scheduled to participate in Honor Flight "High Voltage" on September 29.

I had the privilege of writing him a letter as part of the mail call portion of the program.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my letter be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Rhode Island?

There was no objection.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 5, 2024.

DEAR LT. JOHN WOLF, It is with deep gratitude and respect that we honor you today on this special Honor Flight. Today, not only do we gather to celebrate and commemorate your service, but we also come together to recognize your incredible legacy both on and off the battlefield.

Your courage and dedication as a Lieutenant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War are truly commendable. Receiving the Bronze Star is a testament not only to your bravery, but to your selflessness as well, especially in the face of unimaginable challenges. Your service has not only made a significant impact on the lives of those you served with, but also your fellow Americans.

Your contributions extend far beyond your military service. For 20 years, you have inspired and educated the next generation of leaders as a social studies teacher in the East Providence School District. Your commitment to shaping young minds and fostering a love for learning is a gift that I am confident has had a lasting influence on countless students. Your impact in the classroom mirrors the dedication you demonstrated in your military service.

Your legacy of service continues to be an example for us all. Your unwavering commitment to your country and your students serves as an inspiration and a reminder of the values that bind us together.

Today, as you embark on this Honor Flight, know that you carry with you the admiration and gratitude of all those who have been touched by your service and dedication. We are honored to be a part of this journey and to celebrate the extraordinary contributions you've made to our country and our community.

Thank you, Lt. John Wolf, for your bravery, your service, and your enduring impact. You are a true hero, and today we celebrate you with the honor and respect you so richly deserve.

Sincerely,

GABE AMO,  
Member of Congress.

Mr. AMO. Madam Speaker, Lieutenant Wolf served our local community for more than 20 years as a social studies teacher in the East Providence School District. Before that, he courageously wore our Nation's uniform in Vietnam, earning a Bronze Star for his service.

Madam Speaker, we must do more to support veterans like Lieutenant Wolf. We can and should build on the PACT Act, which expanded presumptive benefits for Vietnam veterans and has helped nearly 3,000 veterans in Rhode Island.

Madam Speaker, today, I am proud to stand on the House floor and thank Lieutenant Wolf and all who have served our country.

#### FOCUS ON CRIME

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DE LA CRUZ). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, House Republicans are addressing the most important issues facing Americans across the country, and this week we will focus on crime.

Over the past 3 years, violent crime has surged under the Biden-Harris administration. Its soft-on-crime policies coupled with bail reform, open borders, and the defund the police movement has put every American in danger and threatened our Nation's security.

That is why House Republicans have brought to the floor the Keeping Violent Offenders Off Our Streets Act, to fight back against Democrats' woke agenda and give our law enforcement the tools they need to defend public safety in our communities.

Last week, House Republicans passed the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act to ensure that illegal immigrants convicted of sex offenses or other crimes involving stalking, child abuse, and neglect are inadmissible or deportable from the United States.

This legislation now waits to be voted on the Senate floor.

Republicans are the party of law and order, and we will continue to fight for the safety of our Nation's communities.

I am grateful to my colleagues for joining me this evening to talk about the importance of supporting our law enforcement and implementing robust crime policies.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY).

#### HONORING RICHARD TELFORD

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Madam Speaker, I thank the vice chair of our Conference, BLAKE MOORE, for yielding me the time.

I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and service of Chautauqua County Undersheriff Richard Telford, a dedicated public servant who spent over three decades protecting and serving the people of our community.

Rich's passing is a profound loss for Chautauqua County. Those who had the honor of knowing him say that they knew they could always count on Rich. In remembering him, Sheriff Jim Quattrone said: "Rich was a man of integrity. He could always be counted on to do the right thing."