

caregivers spend their own hard-earned money to take care of their loved ones.

These sacrifices often go unrecognized, so it is important that we, as Members of Congress, do what we can to recognize their commitment and ensure they have the resources they need.

As the only geriatric nurse-practitioner in Congress, I have seen firsthand the challenges they face and the vital services they provide. I am proud to advocate for caregivers and policies that would make their already difficult situation easier to navigate.

Today and every day, we thank those who dedicate their lives to caring for their parents, children, spouses, and other loved ones.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the teachers, education support professionals, family volunteers, and above all, learners at all levels.

As we celebrate American Education Week, it is essential to reflect on how education shapes our future. Education is a lifeline, especially in eastern North Carolina.

Our communities demonstrate enormous resilience and a deep commitment to the success of learners. Educators work tirelessly to create an environment where every learner can live the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate American Education Week in eastern North Carolina, we are so excited to break ground today for the East Carolina University Center for Medical Education building.

Indeed, education is a pathway to personal success and building a stronger economy. We must continue to support and uplift education in America.

RECOGNIZING BRENDON GALLO

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

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the person that helps my world go round, my deputy chief of staff, Brendon Gallo.

Brendon is a dedicated staffer who works tirelessly to ensure our office runs smoothly each and every day. He is committed to serving me and the constituents of Arizona's Eighth Congressional District.

Whether it is a meeting in our office, a Capitol tour, or a visit to the White House, Brendon is the guy you call to get the job done.

A graduate of NYU and a Pennsylvania native, Brendon joined my team in 2020 and has shown his commitment to public service throughout his tenure.

I cannot thank him enough for his dedication to me, our district, the State of Arizona, and the Nation. As I

leave Congress, I have no doubt Brendon will go on to do great things as he continues his public service.

Mr. Speaker, I wish him nothing but the best in all of his future endeavors. I am going to miss him. God bless him.

HONORING NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY

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

Ms. SALINAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Rural Health Day. Approximately, one-fifth of America and about one in three Oregonians lives in a rural or frontier community.

However, many rural areas do not have enough providers or facilities to meet community needs, forcing residents to travel long distances and requiring time off of work.

Your Zip Code should not prevent you from accessing potentially life-saving care. As a founding member of the Bipartisan Rural Health Caucus, I have championed several pieces of legislation that will help close these gaps and ensure rural America is not left behind.

For example, my Home-Based Telemental Health Care Act would expand access to virtual mental health and substance use treatment services in rural communities.

In addition to making it easier and cheaper for folks to see a provider, the bill would also help reduce stigma by allowing people to get care from the comfort and safety of their own homes. This is just one commonsense idea among many I have supported to expand access to healthcare in our rural communities.

As we approach the start of a new Congress, I remain committed to working with anyone on both sides of the aisle who is serious about finding solutions to the mental health and addiction crisis. Every American deserves high quality, affordable healthcare regardless of where they live.

RECOGNIZING DESSIE BEBOUT

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Dessie Bebout.

Born as the fourth of nine children and raised in the small town of Hudson, Wyoming, love of family and community quickly became guiding principles that steered the course of Dessie's life of unending service.

Following the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Dessie was one of the first women to join the war effort under the newly established Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service program where she took part in recording and tracking the arrival and departure of sailors to and from the Pacific fleet throughout the war.

Despite her excelling in this role and later being presented with the opportunity to participate in officer training school, Dessie chose to return to Wyoming with the love of her life, Herbert Hugh Bebout, after getting married while they were both on leave.

However, it was in 1962 that Dessie began her notable 13-year-long career at the Shoshoni Post Office where she would serve as the postmaster with great distinction, and upon her retirement, received the Order of the Vest, the highest and most prestigious recognition given to postmasters.

Dessie peacefully passed away in May 2023 at the age of 102, after living a remarkable life rooted in public service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM

Ms. HAGEMAN. Madam Speaker, shout out to my mother today for her birthday. She is 101 years young. Happy birthday, Marion Hageman.

RECOGNIZING THE NOTTOWAY TRIBE

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

Ms. McCLELLAN. Madam Speaker, the Commonwealth of Virginia is home to seven federally recognized Indian Tribes, including the Chickahominy Tribe in my district.

In addition, we have four State-recognized Tribes, one of which is the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, which received State recognition in 2010.

During the October recess, I had the opportunity to visit the Tribe's community house and interpretive center in Southampton County where I met with Chief Lynette Allston and Tribal Chair Denise Walters to discuss their rich history.

The Nottoway people first appear in the written record in 1650, when merchant and colonist, Edward Bland, encountered two Nottoway towns on the Nottoway River.

These Iroquoian-speaking people live in dispersed communities along the river in present day Dinwiddie, Isle of Wight, Nottoway, Sussex, and Southampton Counties.

Today, in honor of Native American History Month, I am filing a resolution to provide Federal recognition to the Nottoway Tribe of Virginia and look forward to finally seeing their sovereignty recognized.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN RICK NOLAN

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

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of my predecessor, Congressman Rick Nolan.

Congressman Nolan has a long and distinguished history in this Chamber.

He first served as the Representative of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District from 1975 through 1981, and then returned to Congress to serve as the Representative of Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District from 2013 to 2019.

Many who served with Rick remember him as a fighter for northern Minnesota and an avid lover of the great outdoors, and an advocate for those diagnosed with cancer.

I will always remember Rick as an exceptionally kind man. My favorite memory of Rick is the time I ran into him on a flight to Minnesota from Washington, D.C. He was a departing Member of Congress, and I was preparing to begin my first term.

Even though we disagreed on many issues, he made sure to come over and give me a hug and wish me well. I appreciated his kindness that day, and I know all of Minnesota appreciates his service.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Mary, and all of his loved ones as they grieve his loss.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS VIOLANTE

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

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorable life of Thomas Violante, an incredible businessowner from Royal Oak, Michigan, who inspired many through his pursuit of the American Dream and service to others.

Mr. Violante was born in 1929 to a working-class family. His father ran a small market, and he gained a passion for supporting his community through entrepreneurship. This passion solidified in 1951 when Thomas and his wife, Janet, purchased a small specialty store for just a pack of cigarettes and six-pack of beer. It would become the Holiday Market of Royal Oak.

Thomas Violante's business was more than just a grocery store, though. It was the embodiment of his values. He empowered his employees to be creative, to work hard, and to achieve their dreams.

Mr. Violante passed away on his 95th birthday last month. Beyond his role as a businessowner, he was a proud father, grandfather, great grandfather, veteran, and philanthropist.

He left an incredible mark on Michigan's 11th District, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring him.

THE RADICAL GREEN AGENDA

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, California Democrats are at it again, doubling down on their radical green agenda and threatening personal freedom.

A State-funded study has suggested a ban now on gas-powered classic cars from public roads, claiming they are too harmful to the environment. We are talking about parade cars. We are talking about hobby cars. We are talking about the stuff people enjoy. We are talking about the stuff politicians like to ride in parades in when they are running for reelection.

Let's be clear, classic cars are a lot more than just vehicles. They are pieces of our history, symbols of culture, and a source of pride for countless Californians.

It doesn't stop there. These same people trying to do these bans, these green policies, could hike gas prices by as much as 85 cents, 90 cents a gallon. They want to force you into an electric vehicle while our power grid can't even handle a summer heat wave.

Meanwhile, the elites pushing these bans are still flying private jets off to meet-ups overseas and cruising on their big yachts, which spew far more emissions than they want to outlaw.

It is not about saving the planet. It is about control. We need to call out this hypocrisy and stand up for the freedoms of individuals, for their automobiles, for what have you.

I can speak for a lot of them, knowing that you will pry my 1968 Mustang gearshift out of my cold, dead fingers.

HONORING COMMUNITY OF FAITH CHURCH

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

Mrs. LEE CARTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor an incredible milestone for a wonderful institution in the 18th Congressional District, The Community of Faith church, which was founded after the vestiges of slavery is celebrating 150 years of faith, service, and community impact.

Founded in 1873 by the Reverend Jack Henry Yates, a former slave, who defied the odds and went on to establish businesses, schools, and churches. This congregation has a rich history of perseverance and resilience.

From its humble beginnings as Mount Pillow Missionary Baptist Church to its relocation during tumultuous times, it is now under the leadership of Bishop James Dixon II and has become a beacon of hope and transformation in our community.

I honor its former leaders, including Reverend Charlie Daniel James Dixon who served 50 years, guiding it through racial adversity, and Reverend Clovis Emory Johnson who served for 2 years and helped transition the church into new era of growth.

We also remember the leadership of Reverend Dixon's own grandfather, Reverend Jack Henry Yates who served from 1873 to 1927.

This place continues to be a wonderful place of worship, a community hub for development, education, and social justice.

As we celebrate this monumental 150 anniversary, we honor the rich legacy, but also the bright future ahead that may continue to do greater works for the glory of God and the service of all people.

Madam Speaker, I salute Bishop James Dixon II for his tremendous leadership, and his three children, Mariah, Victoria, and James W.E. Dixon III.

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RECOGNIZING THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER TOLEDO

(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 today, in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday, to recognize the invaluable efforts of the United Way of Greater Toledo to address hunger during this holiday season.

In Lucas, Wood, and Ottawa Counties, 40 percent of hardworking Iowans are at risk of not having enough to eat.

This reality highlights the critical importance of community-driven initiatives. Partnering with multiple nonprofit organizations, the United for the Holidays program brings the northwest Ohio community together to create more than 500 holiday boxes filled with 2 weeks' worth of food for families in need.

Not only are these volunteers delivering food but also hope and dignity to our neighbors in a season of giving and a time of need due to high food prices.

We are all committed to fighting hunger year round, and I am honored to keep fighting for laws that expand access to school meals and food coupons for our seniors in our summer fruit and vegetable programs and emergency food support across our communities. No family should face an empty table in the United States of America.

The majority party must move the long-delayed farm bill forward in order that our people can eat. We must build strong support systems to ensure that every Iowan has access to nutritious, reliable meals. Again, I thank the United Way of Greater Toledo for leading the way with love, for this vital effort at this season of Thanksgiving.

RECOGNIZING NORMA GRIFFIN

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and work of Norma Griffin.

Norma was a devoted educator, deeply committed to her community and empowering young people. She was a native New Yorker who settled in Concord, California, with her husband, Ralph, and their two sons, Ralph and Steven. She worked for over three decades in education, teaching in the New