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Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, last week on Thursday I flew to Maui to be with our Lahaina ohana as we mark the 6-month anniversary of the fires.

On Sunday, our hearts were full and our eyes were misty as we watched our Lunas do the coin toss at the Super Bowl.

Just yesterday, Maui police confirmed the identity of the 101st victim, Mr. Paul Kasprzycki. He was 76 years old.

It is a stark reminder of the pain and loss that our people feel and the roller coaster of emotions our community experiences every single day.

According to a preliminary study of Maui's fire survivors released last week, 55 percent of people surveyed are exhibiting signs of depression.

Survivors also report higher than average rates of low self-esteem and suicidal ideation. Our people are hurting.

The reality is we can clear debris, we can rebuild our schools and reopen roads, but healing the pain and the trauma you can't see but people feel, that is much harder, which is why we need to hold wellness fairs and meet people where they are.

We need to make sure that the work of our Federal public health officers are supported so they can be there for survivors and frontline workers.

There is a mental health crisis ravaging our people now. All of us need to be there for them, and we must do everything we can to provide all of our survivors and disaster responders with the mental health care and support they need now. Mahalo.

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#### A SCATHING REPORT

(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. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, Special Counsel Robert Hur released a scathing report as part of a Department of Justice investigation into President Biden's mishandling of classified documents.

Despite evidence of President Biden's willful retention and disclosure of classified documents to his biographer, Special Counsel Hur's report recommended that no criminal charges be brought forward against President Biden.

This was in part because the special counsel determined that President Biden's memory had such "significant limitations" that it would not be possible to convince a jury that President Biden held a "mental state of willfulness" that a serious felony requires.

It is time for the White House to release the full recordings of President Biden's interview with the special counsel and for the American people to hear what was said in these meetings where the President was determined to be too incompetent to stand trial.

#### REAL LEGISLATION IS BEING BLOCKED

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

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, we just learned that Congress is being sent home early yet again this week because the Speaker doesn't have the votes to pass the bills he scheduled for this week. This keeps happening because Members of House leadership are unwilling to do the hard work of negotiating legislation that is supported by the majority of Congress, much less the majority of the Senate or the American people.

It is bad enough that they are wasting time and taxpayer dollars to have Congress spinning its wheels with failed bills and stupid stunts, like impeaching Cabinet members for policy disputes, but the Speaker is blocking real legislation to solve real problems, like passing the overdue budget or immigration reform or passing common-sense gun safety bills.

Early yesterday morning, the Senate passed a comprehensive national security package with a vote of 70-29, including strong bipartisan support.

If Speaker Johnson would put that bill on the House floor, it would pass with strong bipartisan support here, too.

The bill provides urgently needed humanitarian relief, as well as support for Ukraine, our allies, and our national security.

Instead of taking the day off, the Speaker needs to put that bill on the floor.

#### SUPPORT GREAT LAKES

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

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage the support for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024.

Having grown up on the shores of Lake Erie, I know that the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable resource and an invaluable economic driver for not only Ohio but for our entire country.

They provide clean drinking water for 48 million Americans, support more than 1.5 million jobs, and generate over \$62 billion every year for our economy.

That is why I am proud to be leading the reauthorization of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative alongside my colleagues in the bipartisan Great Lakes Task Force.

The GLRI provides funding to Federal agencies, the Great Lakes States, local communities, and businesses to restore the Great Lakes ecosystem and the economic health of the Great Lakes region.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this legislation moving forward.

#### LIFE AND LEGACY OF CECILIA GENTILI

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the life and legacy of beloved Queens community leader, Cecilia Gentili.

Cecilia was a beacon of hope for so many communities in my district. She was only 26 when she fled Argentina to seek asylum in the United States. She arrived in New York City in 2003 and lived her truth as a trans woman. She was finally granted asylum in 2012, as well, and she devoted much of her life to uplifting our trans and undocumented community in Queens.

Most recently, Cecilia shined in her artistic pursuits as an author, playwright, and actress. Cecilia was a leader in the fight for HIV/AIDS healthcare and founded a free healthcare clinic in New York City.

At the State level, she championed the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act, GENDA, which was signed into law in 2019. Today, Cecilia would have also wanted to continue to uplift her advocacy against dangerous proposals like KOSA that would allow States to cut off access to lifesaving online resources for isolated trans youth, like healthcare information.

Our community will continue to remember Cecilia as an unwavering leader in the fight for equality.

#### AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER

(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, I am speaking out today about an issue that has been going on in the northern part of my district in northern California. They are touting it, of course, as one of the biggest dam removal projects in American history, but it also is turning out to be one of the biggest environmental disasters in American history.

You can see right here the plume. This is the Klamath River, and this is one of the tributaries that feeds into it. This dark muck that is coming down is a result of what they have done to tear down dams or cut loose the material at the bottom of them under the drain.

This is a tributary coming in with winter water on that. It is kind of greenish and such. So you see, it is two different diverging bodies of water that is turning into muck, and it is an unbelievable mess there. It is killing wildlife, killing fish.

The Klamath River project used to make 70,000 households' worth of clean electricity. Good-paying jobs are very important to Siskiyou County. Now, the project, indeed, is an assault on the people who live there in the basin that are opposed to this, but outsiders are coming in to tear this out.

At a time when the U.S. is trying to electrify everything—automobiles, stoves, leaf blowers, and everything else—they are taking out clean, hydroelectric power.

The chromium levels in this material, the pollutants in there, is unbelievable. There is a lot more to this story. Keep watching to see what is going on with this Klamath River system and the disaster that it is becoming.

#### RECOGNIZING LAWRENCE ALLEN SWOOPE

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise today to recognize Lawrence Allen Swoope II as the Champion of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

Swoope, as he is widely known, is a Christian hip-hop and gospel artist who was born and raised in Akron, Ohio, and he is a shining example as to why our community is the birthplace of champions.

Swoope released his first extended play record, or EP, in 2010 called "Applause Volume 1" and has since released multiple studio albums that have made an impact on the Christian and gospel music charts, including his 2014 album "Sinema," which peaked at number 1 on the U.S. Gospel Chart and was number 55 on the U.S. Billboard 200.

Last week, Swoope won the 2024 Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song as a producer on the song "Your Power."

The son of Lawrence Allen Swoope I and the late Pastor Diana Lynn Swoope of Arlington Church of God in Akron, Swoope has continued the mission of the church and dedicated his life's work to spreading the Lord's message and bringing people together through his music and faith.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Swoope for this incredible accomplishment. Ohio's 13th Congressional District is proud of him, and we all wish him many more years of success in his endeavors.

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this is Black History Month. This is a moment to recount the journey of African Americans in America.

I rise today to speak about H.R. 40, the Commission to Study Slavery and Develop Reparation Proposals introduced by John Conyers almost 40 years ago. I was honored and privileged on his retirement for him giving me the honor of carrying this legislation.

For many in this body, one would wonder why we need to retrace that history of slavery. It is an amazing and

powerful history. It is an amazing history of unselfishness, but at the same time the dividing of families, the blocking of learning to read, and the violence of the whole condition of slavery.

Again, it is a time in America's history that we must review and understand.

As a Member of the United States Congress, I have introduced this legislation and look forward to its passage by executive order. At the same time, I want my colleagues to come join me, to walk the Emancipation Trail, which I have introduced and it has passed in this House. That is the trail that slaves took in 1865 after General Granger came and indicated that slaves west of the Mississippi were free.

That trail has not yet been finalized, but, Mr. Speaker, this will be a major part of America's history. Join me in supporting the Emancipation Trail.

#### STORM DAMAGE

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, since December 18, 2023, my home State of Maine has endured a barrage of devastating storms causing severe flooding, power outages, and millions of dollars in damages.

The sheer destruction that these storms have done to our working waterfronts is astonishing.

More frequent, intense storms, floods, and rising sea levels mean our communities will continue to be faced with the kind of devastation we have seen in Maine over the past few weeks.

At the same time, our working waterfronts are rapidly disappearing nationwide due to heavy development pressure.

When fishermen must grapple with the loss of wharves, processing facilities, and other essential infrastructure, in addition to navigating the challenge of climate change, it threatens the very survival of our communities.

My and Congressman WITTMAN's bipartisan Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act will help reverse a worrying trend of shrinking waterfronts while simultaneously protecting jobs and preserving the character of our coastal communities.

Congress must act to protect our working waterfronts and the more than 30,000 Mainers and 2.3 million Americans who rely on marine-related industries for their livelihoods. This is bigger than any of us.

#### CELEBRATING CREDIT UNIONS

(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 celebrate America's credit unions during National Credit Union Education Month.

Credit unions play a crucial role in improving the financial well-being of households and local businesses across America, offering working people affordable financial services for acquiring a home, investing in their child's education, and providing accessible lending options that help build generational wealth.

Credit unions are legally owned by the people who use their services, meaning that when you deposit money into a credit union, you are not just a customer, you are a part owner. This makes credit unions all the more responsive and accountable to the communities they serve.

This not-for-profit cooperative structure also ensures that earnings are paid back to members in the form of higher savings rates and lower loan rates, not to private investors.

Rhode Island boasts 18 credit unions that serve 480,000 Rhode Island residents—nearly half of our State's population. During my time as State treasurer, I worked with our credit unions in our State to help promote financial empowerment and stability for all Rhode Islanders. I look forward to continuing to support this credit union model in Congress.

#### GAMBLING ADDICTION

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a growing public health problem in this country. It is estimated that nearly 7 million Americans are suffering from a gambling addiction, and while it may not be as visible, it can be just as harmful as any other addiction.

About 90 percent of gambling addicts reported having one or more mental health disorders, as well as increased dependence on alcohol and other substances.

Problem gambling can also cause deep financial and emotional harm to families when the gambler takes on debt to pay for their addiction or manipulates loved ones to get what they want.

Clearly, this is a serious problem that must be addressed. It is why I have introduced the Gambling Addiction, Recovery, Investment, and Treatment, or GRIT Act last week. This legislation would utilize current revenues to devote funding toward gambling addiction, research, and treatment.

My bill would give State health agencies and nonprofits the resources they need to study this kind of addiction and get more people into recovery.

This is a commonsense solution that would improve mental health and well-being for countless families across America. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the GRIT Act.