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#### RECOGNIZING JUSTIN CAMP

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

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of my staff, Justin Camp, for his dedication and service to myself and the constituents of Arizona's Eighth Congressional District.

A native of California, Justin joined my staff as a legislative correspondent and worked his way up to becoming a legislative assistant. Justin is a committed team member who has the important job of communicating our work to our constituents and overseeing a legislative portfolio that includes education and social issues.

I thank Justin for his hard work and dedication to me, our team, and the constituents in Arizona.

As I leave Congress, I have no doubt Justin will go on to do great things as he continues his public service. I wish him nothing but the best in all of his future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Justin.

#### UNFAIR TAXES

(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, yesterday, the Senate finally passed the Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act which includes in that my own bill to stop taxing wildfire survivors after they received damages and after everything has been burned out in Paradise, California, and several other northern California fires in recent years.

The IRS has treated disaster relief like a payday for themselves, taking from the survivors who have already lost so much. Now that ends.

This bill ensures wildfire victims will keep their settlement funds, money they need to rebuild their own lives. It also stops the unfair taxes on legal fees. Get this, Mr. Speaker, they have to pay the taxes on the fees that the attorneys would get when they cut their 30, 33 percent out of those award damages. It also restores their lost wages, taxes, and other recovery costs.

Taxpayers can claim refunds for taxes wrongly paid since 2020, putting over \$500 million back where it belongs: with the people.

This isn't just dollars and cents. It is about doing what is right for those facing disaster.

After years of work, I am really glad to see this legislation can finally clear both Houses of Congress and get these folks the relief they have needed for so long after nearly being disaster victims of wildfire.

#### KEEP COMMUNISM OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, there are over 500 schools in the United States that are subverted with Chinese Communist Party propaganda. The endorsement of communism in American classrooms has led to a disgusting 28 percent of young adults who have a favorable opinion of communism, and another 19 percent believe that a dictatorship is the best political system.

American families must stand up against Communist atrocities and support democracy, which is why this week House Republicans will consider the Crucial Communism Teaching Act, introduced by the courageous Congresswoman MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR. This bill will provide truthful curriculum to students about the failures of communism and totalitarianism.

House Republicans, led by Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, will safeguard democracy and not allow communist infiltration.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent, as warned by the FBI. Trump will reinstate existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

#### DISASTER TAX PACKAGE

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I share Representative LAMALFA's appreciation that last night the Senate finally unanimously passed the bipartisan Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act, sending it to the President's desk.

This bill includes language that I introduced over a year ago to help Maui fire victims deduct their disaster-related losses and keep money in their pockets. This bill will also exempt wildfire disaster settlement payments from being taxed.

As Maui and other fire-impacted communities across the country focus on their recoveries, they deserve certainty that the financial relief they receive will go entirely to them and to their "family," "ohana."

For months, this bill and the financial relief it provides to our Maui "family," "ohana," have been among my top priorities in Congress. I am proud to have been part of a majority in the House in signing a discharge petition, forcing a vote on this bill, and passing it overwhelmingly back in May, where it has remained with the Senate.

I am grateful to have been part of this bipartisan effort with my friends:

Congressmen GREG STEUBE, DOUG LAMALFA, and MIKE THOMPSON. While this has been a long journey together, I am proud we have gotten this over the finish line, and I hope President Biden will sign this bill into law as soon as possible.

#### MOURNING THE LOSS OF KIRK SCHURING

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

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before you to shine light on the recent passing of my dear friend, mentor, and colleague, Kirk Schuring, a true giant amongst men and known around the State as the legislators' legislator.

He passed away on November 22, 2024, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Kirk Schuring was my mentor. He was the finest thing that ever came from Ohio. Being green, getting into the Ohio Senate, he mentored me as the chair of small business, and then I became chair for 4 years of government. When I was chair, he taught me how to really do policy. He also told me that every voice in Ohio must have a voice.

He was proud of doing hard work in policy and doing amendments so all Ohioans could be represented. That was his point of focus, to do policy work, the hard, heavy lifting that most people will never see.

Some of his accomplishments were he allocated \$7 million for the jumpstart of the expansion of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. He was instrumental in getting \$50 million from the brand-new movie of "Superman" that was filmed in Cleveland, Ohio.

He was an advocate of the Canton Urban League, the Stark County Young Republicans, the Canton Jaycees, and a lot more than that.

Kirk Schuring will be missed. He was a dear friend, and Ohio is better that he existed.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for this opportunity to speak about my mentor.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. THOMAS CORK, SR.

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, legacy, and service of Mr. Thomas Cork, Sr., a United States Marine Corps veteran from my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, who recently passed away at 95 years old.

In 1948, Thomas Cork left Louisville to serve our country as a Montford Point marine, making history as part of the first group of Black men to enlist in the Marine Corps.

As part of the famous 1st Marine Division, his bravery and service directly

helped lead to the end of the Korean war. However, like many other Black veterans, when he returned home, he wasn't given the reverence he earned.

We are trying to atone for that. Today, as we honor his life and service, I want to express our gratitude on behalf of all those who didn't and should have.

Thomas Cork, Sr., is an American hero who fought two battles, in the Pacific and on the home front.

His legacy will live on for generations to come, and we thank him for his service.

#### RECOGNIZING KEVIN BOYLE OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OHIO

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kevin Boyle of Broadview Heights, Ohio.

Kevin came to America through adoption from El Salvador after his mom met him there while she did mission work there.

Kevin was very sick and had significant disabilities. The Boyles already had another child, Courtney, who herself had disabilities and significant medical needs. With great faith, they pursued adopting Kevin from a country that adopts out less than 10 kids per year.

After 4 years of waiting, in 2013, Kevin came home to Cleveland as an 18-pound 9-year-old. Yes, he was 18 pounds at 9 years old.

With great American medical care, he very quickly became chubby, silly, and full of life.

As an upstanding citizen of northeast Ohio, Kevin exercised his right to vote for the first time in the 2024 Presidential election.

Today, I celebrate Kevin for this milestone event. This is an incredible story to be shared around the country. What a victory.

#### REMEMBERING OMER NEUTRA

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

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Omer Neutra who deferred his enrollment at Binghamton University in my district to join the Israel Defense Forces. He had been missing since October 7, 2023, in the barbaric attacks committed against Israel and Israeli citizens by Hamas.

After fighting for over a year for his return, his parents received the news no parent should ever hear: Omer was killed on October 7 by Hamas terrorists.

The monsters who did this, and, yes, they are monsters, are still out there. We are not done fighting. With our support, Israel will overcome Hamas and win its war, and at home we will win our war against anti-Semitism.

We will win by shining a light on bigotry and calling out those who sympathize with terrorists, the people who, while Omer's family lived in agony, stood on college campuses hurling insults at Jewish students and leading anti-Semitic chants like "from the river to the sea."

Our hearts and prayers go out to Omer's family, his friends, and the Binghamton campus. His life and memory will forever be a blessing, and the pain he endured will be motivation to keep fighting for justice.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER JESSE BRANCH

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay my respects to Red Lake Police Officer Jesse Branch, who was killed in a car crash last week while responding to a call for service.

At just 18 years old, Jesse committed himself to a career in law enforcement, starting as a corrections officer with the Red Lake Detention Center and eventually becoming a police officer.

During his 17 years in law enforcement, Jesse earned the reputation as a man of integrity who was dedicated to the well-being and safety of his community.

Even though Jesse's life was tragically cut short, the positive impact he had on the Red Lake Nation will be remembered for generations to come.

Minnesota thanks him for his selfless service and sacrifice. My prayers are with his family, friends, colleagues, and all those who loved him.

#### PROVE IT ACT OF 2024

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1602, I call up the bill (H.R. 7198) to amend title 5, United States Code, to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NORMAN). Pursuant to House Resolution 1602, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, printed in the bill is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 7198

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Prove It Act of 2024".*

#### SEC. 2. INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS.

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in section 603(b)—*

*(A) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end and inserting ";; and"; and*

*(B) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(6) where feasible, any reasonably foreseeable potential indirect costs the proposed rule may impose on small entities, including small entities that—*

*"(A) purchase products or services from, sell products or services to, or otherwise conduct business with entities directly regulated by the rule;*

*"(B) are directly regulated by other governmental entities as a result of the rule; or*

*"(C) are not directly regulated by the agency as a result of the rule but are otherwise subject to other agency rules as a result of the rule.";*

*(2) in section 605(b), by striking "The agency" and inserting "Not later than 10 days after completing the certification described in this subsection, the agency"; and*

*(3) by inserting after section 605 the following:*

#### **"§605A. Review procedures relating to initial regulatory flexibility analysis certifications"**

*"(a) FILING A PETITION TO REVIEW AGENCY CERTIFICATION OF A PROPOSED RULE.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Any small entity, group of small entities, or organization representing the interests of small entities may petition the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration (in this section referred to as the 'Chief Counsel') to review a certification published under section 605(b) that a proposed rule will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.*

*"(2) FORM.—The Chief Counsel shall—*

*"(A) determine the method, timing, and form of disseminating a petition described in paragraph (1); and*

*"(B) display the information described in subparagraph (A) on the website of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration in a conspicuous manner.*

*"(3) CONTENTS.—Each petition described in paragraph (1) with respect to a certification published under section 605(b) for a proposed rule shall clearly and concisely—*

*"(A) specify the name of the petitioner and a telephone number, a mailing address, and an email address that the Chief Counsel may use to communicate with the petitioner;*

*"(B) if the petitioner is an organization, provide additional identifying information, as applicable, including the organizational or corporate status of the petitioner, the State of incorporation of the petitioner, the registered agent of the petitioner, the interest of the petitioner in representing small entities affected by the proposed rule and the certification at issue, and the name and authority of the individual who signed the petition on behalf of the organizational or corporate petitioner;*

*"(C) present the specific problems or issues that the petitioner believes should be addressed or considered through a review of the certification, such as—*

*"(i) any specific circumstances in which the determination of the certification that the proposed rule will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities is incorrect, incomplete, or inadequate; or*

*"(ii) why the proposed rule would, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities;*

*"(D) cite, enclose, or reference any relevant and non-protected or confidential technical, scientific, or other data or information supporting any assertion of the problems or issues with the certification;*

*"(E) present a proposed solution to the problems or issues raised in the petition, including potential regulatory or compliance alternatives to the proposed rule;*

*"(F) provide an analysis, discussion, or argument that explains how the proposed solution*