

dressed in 19th century regalia, ringing his handbell, and calling out proclamations with unmatched zeal.

His booming voice proclaiming "Oyez, oyez, oyez" has carried the spirit of Sylvania not just across Ohio but across the globe, from Melbourne, Australia, to the airwaves of Good Morning America.

Town criers, once vital in relaying news to an illiterate public, now serve as keepers of history and creators of joy. They infuse modern events with old-world charm. Mr. Lieber's dedication highlights the best of American ingenuity and community service, connecting us to our past while celebrating the present.

Let us commend town crier Michael Lieber and his fellow criers for preserving this unique, joyful tradition and inspiring us to honor our shared history. Their contributions remind us all that civic pride is a timeless virtue.

We thank Mr. Lieber.

ADDRESSING THE UNEMPLOYMENT SYSTEM IN CALIFORNIA

(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, California's unemployment system is failing. The State owes \$20 billion to the Federal Government because of mismanagement and rampant fraud. Small businesses are going to be left to pick up the mess.

In order to address the root problem, California should instead help small businesses, not shove the problem onto them. Instead, they are going to see higher unemployment insurance taxes that cover up this debt, higher taxes on already struggling businesses in my home State, on top of the taxes, regulations, and red tape they already face.

These small businesses are key to getting people back to work, but they are being crushed by these policies that prioritize bureaucracy over actual solutions. When a State cannot account for many billions of dollars of unemployment, as well as through the EDD, let alone the billions that are missing now for homeless issues, it needs to get back in focus on what is important for the people of California.

We have crime to solve. We have water we need to store and help with our agricultural community. We have homeless problems that are still not being met. We have housing issues we need to address. Instead, we get more and more of this kind of corruption.

The path to recovery starts with our small businesses in California, not harming them with more taxes.

HIGHLIGHTING THE WORK OF THE MENTAL HEALTH CAUCUS

(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 the work that my colleagues in the Mental Health Caucus and I are doing to address America's mental health and addiction crises.

When I first took office, my home State of Oregon ranked second to last in the Nation in terms of access to mental health services and dead last for the widespread prevalence of mental illness.

It is why I made this issue a top priority and took on a leadership role as co-chair of the Mental Health Caucus, where our Members have introduced around 200 bills during this Congress alone to address various pieces of the mental health puzzle.

Personally, I have introduced my own bills related to mental health and cosponsored dozens more. I have held listening tours, roundtables, and town-halls to hear directly from community members, to understand the challenges they face, and establish strong relationships with advocates and treatment professionals to ensure our solutions are guided by lived experiences.

These actions have helped raise awareness and reduce the stigma around seeking care, but that is merely just the first step. I know there is still so much more work to be done. I remain committed to reaching across the aisle and working with my colleagues in both parties to continue this work to make strides on this issue in the next Congress.

CONGRATULATING OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK KENDRA SANTIAGO

(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 to recognize Kendra Santiago as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

Last month, while on the job, pizza delivery driver Kendra Santiago saved a man's life in Fairlawn, Ohio. While she was taking his order over the phone, Kendra became concerned about his speech patterns. As a former nurse's aide who is also pursuing a career as an EMT, Kendra volunteered to make the delivery.

When she arrived at the man's house in Fairlawn, his wife told Kendra that he was no longer breathing. Kendra sprang into action and helped stabilize the man until paramedics arrived. Kendra visited the man several times in the hospital during his recovery, extending her care and concern to her neighbor.

She says she hopes that this will inspire others in our community to learn how to identify the common signs of a stroke, seizure, and other potential health risks. Ohio's 13th Congressional District is home to many champions just like Kendra who work hard every day and don't hesitate to lend a helping hand to a neighbor in need.

Kendra's selfless act is a shining example of why our district is known as the birthplace of champions.

We thank Kendra and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors, especially her endeavor in becoming an EMT. I hope she continues to inspire our community just as she has inspired me and the entire country.

HONORING ATHANASIOS "TOMMY" PAPPAS

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

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Tommy Pappas. Tommy's story is an American Dream. Born in a small village in Greece, he taught himself to cook as a child. For the last 35 years in Columbus, he owned and opened Tommy's Diner.

Tommy's wasn't just a restaurant. It was a community hub. From neighbors, Governors, mayors, to construction workers and judges, everyone was welcome. If your photo made it to Tommy's wall, you had made it.

Tommy didn't just celebrate the famous. He remembered every customer's name and treated everyone the same. Tommy's was one of my favorite places for breakfast. I held interviews there, and I even held my Presidential inauguration ticket lottery there.

Tommy's Diner was featured on the Food Network show's "Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives." His legacy will live on.

Rest in peace, Tommy. I was lucky to call him my friend.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF STEPHEN FAESSEL

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable career of my very good friend, Anaheim City Council Member Stephen Faessel.

Stephen has spent his entire life giving back to the city of Anaheim. He was first elected to the city council in 2016 and now serves as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Stephen is a strong advocate of history, and he is a founding member of the Muzeo Museum and Cultural Center in Anaheim. As board secretary, he has been able to teach history to young people, tourists, and anybody else in Anaheim who wants to listen to the great story and history of the city of Anaheim.

As he leaves the Anaheim City Council, I want to recognize Stephen for his hard work and dedication to our community. We thank him for giving back. I know he is not done, and I know we are going to hang out at more events in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING MILLINGTON STUDENT BODY VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Millington High School varsity football team for winning the Michigan Division 7 State championships last weekend. The Millington Cardinals took home their first-ever State championship in football with a 24-0 shutout and capped off their undefeated season as champions. I might add they were the only undefeated team in the State this year.

Congratulations to Coach Germain and the talented group of young men for their incredible accomplishment on the field. He has made Michigan's Ninth District proud, and I hope he cherishes this memory for the rest of his life.

Congratulations again to the Millington student body. Go Cardinals.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF OREGON DUCKS

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

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Oregon Ducks on their 12-0 season and having the No. 1 ranking in college football.

Congratulations to Dan Lanning who led this football team to the only undefeated record in college football.

I also want to give a shout-out to quarterback Dillon Gabriel who has thrown over 3,200 yards and is the Big Ten's offensive player of the year; the offensive and defensive lines that continue to win games in the trenches; Bryce Boettcher who leads our team in tackles; Tez Johnson who leads our team in receptions; and Jordan James who has rushed over 1,000 yards this season.

We Oregonians are proud of our Ducks, and we wish our team luck against Penn State tomorrow. We will be cheering you on to the title. Go Ducks.

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HONORING GLORIA FOX

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an activist, an advocate, a legislator, a trailblazer, and now an ancestor, the Honorable State Representative Gloria Fox.

Representative Fox retired as the longest serving woman in the Massachusetts State House, but even before making electoral history, she had already cemented her reputation as one

of the fiercest advocates in the city of Boston, and that activism was born from an uncompromising love of community, the pursuit of justice, and her constant presence in her district, from community meetings, to ribbon cuttings, to Sunday brunch after services.

Whenever she was greeted with a, "Good to see you, Rep," she would exclaim, "Good to be seen." She was a truth teller, a justice seeker inspiring order. Although, no one wanted to follow her on the microphone in a speaking program, we would follow her anywhere.

As I reflect on the incredible legacy of Representative Gloria Fox, I keep returning to her ability to make every constituent feel seen—actually, anyone who ever met her felt seen because her impact far exceeded the geographical bounds of her district.

She had an ability to make everyone feel seen and to see greatness in everyone. From our foster youth to our elders, to people living with HIV/AIDS, to those that are incarcerated, she made everyone feel seen and centered in her policies and in the budgetary investments that she fought for.

May she rest in power. I thank Gloria Fox for making us all feel seen. I know I will certainly miss seeing her.

GRATITUDE FOR CALIFORNIA'S FIREFIGHTERS

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, as California's fire season draws to a close, I rise to express my deepest gratitude to CAL Fire, Riverside County, and the city of Riverside firefighters for their unwavering dedication to keeping our community safe.

This past season, the Canyon Crest, Hawarden, Minton, and Eagle fires scorched for than 2,500 acres in Riverside County. As we see the intensity and frequency of fire emergencies grow, our local firefighters have consistently risen to the occasion, to working around the clock, putting their health and safety on the line, and tirelessly battling the flames to protect our homes and families.

I also acknowledge the tremendous contributions of former Riverside Fire Chief Michael Moore, who retired after more than 40 years of dedicated service this past September, and I extend my congratulations to Chief Steve McKinster as he assumes the leadership of the Riverside Fire Department.

THE PURPLE STATE

(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, North Carolina is a true purple State. With our nearly 50/50 split between Demo-

crats and Republicans, North Carolinians expect fairness when it comes to how their voices are represented in Congress.

The Republican-controlled legislature's latest mid-decade gerrymandered election maps did more than just silence voters in North Carolina. They reshaped the balance of power in Washington, D.C., costing Democrats control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The congressional map we used to have with a 7-7 Democrat-Republican split reflected the true political makeup of our State. It was fair. It gave voters on both sides confidence that their voices mattered, but that wasn't good enough for legislative Republicans in Raleigh.

They threw fairness out the window, forcing through a mid-decade map that handed Republicans an unfair 10-4 advantage in this next Congress. That is 71 percent of North Carolina's seats in the House going to Republicans in our 50/50 State.

It doesn't take a mathematician to see what is wrong with that. Now, with Adam Gray's victory in California's 13th District giving Republicans a bare three-seat majority in the House, it is clear that gerrymandering tipped the scales in their favor and cost Democrats control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

If not for Republican gerrymandering, HAKEEM JEFFRIES would be our next Speaker of the House with a 218-217 victory. That is why I am fighting for my bill, the Fair Maps Act, which establishes an independent non-partisan redistricting commission in every State, which I know you support, Mr. Speaker.

While I am not going back to Congress because of gerrymandering, I am not giving up or going out quietly. The people of North Carolina deserve better.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAYONNE CHAPTER OF UNICO

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Bayonne Chapter of UNICO National on their 75th anniversary.

Since their inception in 1949, these dedicated men and women who volunteer in service to their community have lived up to their values of unity, integrity, charity, and opportunity.

Rooted in their Italian-American heritage, the entire Bayonne Chapter of UNICO has left a remarkable impact on New Jersey throughout their history, supporting underserved families, investing in impactful local organizations, and working tirelessly to bring our neighborhoods together.

It was my honor to join them this year honoring the 2024 Man of the Year, my friend Brian Dellabella. It is a