

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

privilege to represent Bayonne in Congress, and on behalf of all of New Jersey's Eighth Congressional District, I congratulate the Bayonne Chapter of UNICO on 75 great years.

RECOGNIZING GEORGIA FOOTBALL

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the football teams of two incredible institutions in our State: Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia.

Last week, these two university football teams played one of the most exciting games many of us have ever witnessed. This incredible game was neck and neck and went into eight overtimes, which is the second most overtimes in a college football game ever, only eclipsed by the 2021 Illinois-Penn State game, which had nine overtimes.

More importantly, the respect that the players—these gridiron warriors—staff, coaches, and fans showed each other after such a heated exchange was truly admirable.

Our in-State rivalry remains the gold standard of rivalries in college football. After the last whistle blew, both teams showed the deserved respect to each other. Seeing Coach Kirby Smart and Brent Key embrace each other after the game reminds us all of what sportsmanship truly looks like.

This was truly the game of the year, a game of clean, old-fashioned hate that ended with the utmost respect. I congratulate Georgia on their win and to Georgia Tech for their incredible resolve.

We are so proud of both of these teams.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, December 6, 2024.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Please see the attached letter of resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives effective December 8, 2024.

Sincerely,

ADAM SCHIFF,
Member of Congress.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,

Washington, DC, December 6, 2024.

Hon. GAVIN NEWSOM,
Governor, State of California,
Sacramento, CA.

DEAR GOVERNOR NEWSOM: I am so privileged to have been chosen by the voters of California to serve as their next United States Senator, following in the footsteps of a true giant of the Senate and a mentor of mine, former U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein.

As you know, Senator Laphonza Butler, who has served the people of California with great distinction the last thirteen months, has announced her intention to resign so Californians can have their duly elected representation in the United States Senate as soon as possible. I thank Senator Butler for her leadership, friendship and service. She has made a great difference in the lives of every Californian.

I, therefore, write to submit my formal resignation from the United States House of Representatives effective December 8, 2024. It has been my honor to represent the people of California's 30th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for the last 24 years. I am so grateful to my constituents for giving me the chance to serve them in the House, and to the residents of the state of California for now providing me this new opportunity in the Senate to serve the entire state I love.

I look forward to representing all of the people of California, and doing my utmost to make sure that our state continues to provide opportunity, creativity, innovation, and a wonderful quality of life for generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

ADAM B. SCHIFF,
Member of Congress.

IT IS THE MATH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAWLER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, a couple things. First, I committed a sin last week. How many of us have always learned when you do one of these floor speeches, like I did a couple weeks ago—and I never ever ever read the comments, except over Thanksgiving.

First, I have to find a way to say thank you. You have a few hundred people who watch some idiot here try to sound like an economist and walk through what they see happening in the debt, deficits, growth opportunities, and the demographics.

Remarkable. A lot of folks have really smart ideas, then about half of them are probably Russian trolls. They really do need to work on their English, because they pop up saying—no, no English person would speak that way.

The other thing that is frustrating is you get the folks you can tell who are intellectually trapped about two decades out of date. My favorite one is, well, you can save Social Security by just raising the cap. I did entire floor speeches earlier in the year showing the economics and the numbers that take people making over \$400,000, \$500,000, remove the cap, it was only covering 36 or 38 percent of all shortfalls, and now you have chewed up your seed corn. You have functionally no additional places to go to cover those other margins.

I appreciate everyone who is willing to comment. I appreciate the ideas, but here is an idea I would like to share for anyone on this campus and the Mem-

bers of Congress. If you go to our Schweikert website, our official website, there is a place there you can sign up for what we call the daily debt.

Every day, we send you a text message. That text message—we built this whole system to reach into the Treasury's statements and tell you, hey, here is what we borrowed today. Here is what we borrowed this month. Here is what we borrowed every second.

Yesterday, we were, I think, at \$74,500 a second over the last 12 months. Get that. Sign up for it. You are going to get a text message from us every working day. Those people who do not understand the gravity of the growth of the debt—we now have, I think, a few thousand people that get the daily debt text message from our office, and I think it is starting to change the culture around here to deal with reality.

I can give you example. Just before we went on Thanksgiving a couple weeks ago, I held up this board and said, hey, we are going to hit \$36 trillion of borrowing in the next day or so. I stand here with the same board from functionally 2, 2½ weeks ago.

It is no longer \$36 trillion. As of yesterday, it is \$36.176 trillion. Meaning, in those 2½ weeks since we were last here, we added another \$170 billion of borrowing. At that current rate, we are clicking off functionally a \$1 trillion every 105 days.

In all the people you heard come to the microphone this week, how many of them came up behind the microphone and said: We are going to borrow, every hundred some days, another \$1 trillion?

There is the crisis. We have people walking up and down the hallways—I just had someone out here grabbing me, begging me, saying: Now don't cut any of our things that the Democrats gave us a couple years ago.

Yeah. I know. Every dime of it is borrowed money.

Remember—and I need to—let's see if I can make this make sense. For every dollar of tax receipts we take in—last year, when we borrow \$1.00, we spend \$1.39. We take in \$1.00, we spend \$1.39. That \$1.39 is borrowed, and these numbers just get worse.

This is the thing that makes people so angry. Every dollar of borrowing over the next decade is not some fancy this or that. It is interest and healthcare costs.

I think we are in a moment where baby boomer retirements this year will be about 13,000 people a day. They are moving into their earned benefits. Remember, we have a societal deal. You work so many quarters, you get Social Security. You do this, you pay in your FICA taxes, those things, you get Medicare.

Okay. This place is unwilling to have conversations of how to modernize the way we deliver healthcare to change the price, so every day this government is going to borrow \$6 billion or \$7 billion.