

I offer my sincere condolences to his lovely wife, Evelyn, of 56 years, his two sons, Shannon and Matt, and everyone else who knew him and loved him. Ms. Evelyn said her husband loved people, his country, and, most of all, loved his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. She said he lived his life to advance God's kingdom on Earth.

We will certainly miss Pastor Sexton, but he is with the Lord now. We will never forget him.

On a personal note, I always remember that when I adopted my little girl, he came and prayed for us. He will be missed.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, after the 2022 White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, Democrats, led by Speaker PELOSI and President Biden, established a program to provide eligible families \$120 per child over the summer for nutritious food.

I thank Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Deputy Under Secretary Stacy Dean for standing up the new summer EBT program.

Thirty-five States, including my own State, Massachusetts, five territories, and four Tribes signed up to participate in 2024, helping 21 million kids across the country.

I hope that the States that are working with the USDA to adopt programs in 2025 keep at it. Hungry kids are counting on them.

To the Republican Governors who rejected this program, like Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, who said it "does nothing to promote nutrition," or Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen, who said, "I don't believe in welfare," oh my God, what the hell is wrong with these people, Mr. Speaker? I say to them: Shame on you for taking food from hungry kids.

Summer EBT will make a huge difference as we work to end hunger now.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE KENNETH SPANAGEL

(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 to recognize Parma Municipal Court Judge Kenneth Spanagel. Judge Spanagel served his community with distinction for 36 years as a municipal court judge.

After graduating from Northwestern University and Case Western Reserve School of Law, Judge Spanagel ran his own law office until 1988, when he was first elected as Parma's municipal court judge.

Over his three decades of service, Judge Spanagel has distinguished himself with his kind heart and commu-

nity outreach, and he has received multiple awards and honors. He leaves a legacy of fairness and justice in northeast Ohio.

On behalf of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I thank Judge Spanagel for his dedication to our community. We all wish him a happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the immense contributions of Korean Americans and in support of my resolution honoring Korean American Day.

It has been 121 years since the first Korean Americans arrived in the United States. Over that period of time, they changed our country's history, from business to music to even the foods we eat.

That is why I am proud that we are developing the first Korean-American national museum in the United States in the heart of Los Angeles' Koreatown. I am proud to have secured the first \$7 million that will help not only design it but get it off the ground.

In our communities, Korean soldiers who served alongside Americans in Vietnam were shut out for too long. With my colleagues, we secured veterans benefits for these heroes.

Now, I am pushing to name a local post office in honor of Korean American leader Dosan Ahn Chang Ho. This Korean American Day, let's celebrate these stories that are intertwined with the fabric of our Nation.

RECOGNIZING ANNETTE LEWIS ON HER RETIREMENT

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Annette Lewis of Total Action for Progress on her retirement after 35 years of service.

Annette began her career with TAP as a summer youth counselor and quickly rose to eventually become president of the organization with which she started.

Since TAP's inception, Annette, with the help of donors and volunteers, has improved countless lives in our community, serving several cities in the Sixth District of Virginia.

The organization focuses on helping the most vulnerable citizens and families achieve sustainable and equitable economic and personal independence through education, employment, affordable housing, and safe and healthy environments.

Because of her outstanding work, many folks in the Shenandoah Valley have been assisted by the organization and are now thriving both personally and financially.

I congratulate Annette Lewis on her many years of success, and I wish her a wonderful retirement.

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ANNIVERSARY OF ALABAMA'S DEVASTATING TORNADOES

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

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe the 1-year anniversary of the devastating tornadoes of January 12, 2023, that struck Alabama's Seventh Congressional District, including my hometown of Selma, Alabama. In the year since the disaster, my team and I have been working diligently with our Federal, State, and local partners to coordinate an effort and a response to this disaster.

We are immensely grateful to President Biden for his expedited approval of Governor Ivey's disaster declaration and for granting my request to increase the Federal cost share for debris removal to 100 percent.

Following the storms, I hosted our first community conversation, so that our friends and neighbors could share their thoughts about our recovery. With that in mind, we were able to successfully secure a \$500,000 Federal planning grant from EDA to support long-term recovery efforts in Selma and Dallas County.

Working together, we have delivered more than \$22 million in FEMA and SBA, small business assistance, to Greene County, Hale County, Sumter County, and Dallas County. We also secured \$2 million from the Delta Regional Authority to repave Selma roads, and a \$500,000 CHOICE grant from HUD to build more affordable housing.

While there is so much more work to be done, Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the progress we have made, and I extend my sincere thanks to every individual, every agency that has helped us. We are on the road to recovery, and we will build back better because of your efforts.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF TARVER MICKEL BRADDOCK

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

Ms. LETLOW. Mr. Speaker, today my community is hurting. They are mourning the loss of Tarver Mickel Braddock, a student athlete at Neville High School in Monroe, Louisiana, who left an indelible mark on everyone who knew him.

Tarver was known for his contagious positive attitude and his love of making people laugh. To know Tarver meant your life was made better just by being in his presence.

As I look up into the House gallery at the faces of his classmates who are

with us here today, Mr. Speaker, I see them. My heart aches with them, and our prayers will be with them as they face the coming days and weeks ahead. Please know that Tarver will never be forgotten, and today, we celebrate his legacy.

I pray his loved ones find comfort in knowing that Tarver's life will have a ripple effect for years to come.

As those who loved Tarver experience the pain of losing him, it is my prayer that the Lord will bless you and keep you, make His face to shine upon you, be gracious unto you, turn His countenance towards you, and give you peace.

HONORING ED SMITH

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a tireless champion for working people, a mentor, a dear friend, and a wonderful human being, Ed Smith, a native of southern Illinois and a lifelong supporter of workers.

Ed Smith made a difference and inspired so many, including myself. When I needed a place to stay during the Kerry-Edwards campaign in 2004, Ed and his wife, Betty, took me in. I will always remember Ed waiting up most evenings to have a beer and talk about the latest happenings on the campaign trail.

He loved politics, and he had the best instincts of anyone I have met. I have leaned on him for advice in every step of my career since.

When I got to Congress and before deciding to run, Ed was one of the very first people to be on board. You never forget the people that believe in you, especially when you have your own doubts.

Ed was special to so many people because he himself was a special person—always generous, smart, kind, dedicated, and full of wisdom.

Ed was like a father to me, and I will miss him so much.

Rest in power, my dear friend.

RECOGNITION OF CHARLETTE DAVIS

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charlette Davis, a seventh grader from Sonoran Science Academy East.

Charlette is the winner of the Congressional App Challenge from Arizona's Sixth Congressional District for the app titled, "The Best Pets App." This app is used to assist people in selecting the most suitable pet for their preferences while providing insight into the most popular pets.

Charlette told me she designed this app with the intention of guiding peo-

ple towards a pet that aligns with their personality and lifestyle. As a dog owner myself of Louie, our Corgi, I know that having a well-suited pet is undeniably beneficial, offering companionship that can bring great joy to the whole family.

The Congressional App Challenge was established in 2013 and involves middle and high school students from all over the country. Charlette and her fellow winners from other districts have been featured on the House of Representatives website. I am impressed every day by the students in my district and the potential of our young people across the State.

Once again, congratulations, Charlette.

OPPOSITION TO THE SUPREME COURT RULING ON IDAHO ABORTION BAN

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Supreme Court's recent decision allowing Idaho's extreme abortion ban to go into effect.

The Idaho law will prevent women from accessing abortion even when the health of the mother is at risk. This dangerous decision rejects medical science, ignores established precedent, and imperils the rights and safety of women. I am terrified that women will die, and doctors will be treated like criminals.

Unfortunately, this isn't the only case before the High Court with grave implications for our reproductive healthcare. As the Supreme Court reviews the disastrous decision from the Fifth Circuit, restricting the availability of mifepristone, the future of abortion access nationwide now hangs in the balance.

Mr. Speaker, women across America will not accept this assault on our basic rights. We won't do it without a fight, and we will make our voices heard this year.

OPPOSITION TO IMMIGRATION POLICIES ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last week, I joined Speaker JOHNSON and a group of my House Republican colleagues in Eagle Pass, Texas, where we witnessed firsthand the catastrophe that is ensuing at our southern border. Illegal immigrant encounters have reached an all-time high, and human trafficking and fentanyl smuggling are destroying our communities.

We heard from local law enforcement, ranchers, and community members about the catastrophic effects of this lawlessness happening in their

backyard, and we spoke with Customs and Border Patrol personnel, who shared the profound physical and emotional burden of working every day on the front lines of this crisis.

These agents are ready, willing, and able to secure our border, but are being prevented from doing so by the reckless immigration policies of this administration.

It is past time for us to secure our border, restore accountability, and bring back law and order in America.

FUND THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, as we are all aware, we are living in a digital age, where access to high-speed, reliable internet is a necessity. It is no longer a luxury. I have heard from so many constituents in urban and rural communities about the detrimental effect that slow, spotty, or a nonexistent internet connection has on them, whether it is trouble logging on for virtual school days, telehealth appointments, a job interview, or anything else.

The Affordable Connectivity Program has allowed millions of Americans, including one in seven households in my district, to access broadband internet and, with it, expand educational and economic opportunities, more easily access telehealth, and connect with loved ones.

With 22.5 million Americans depending on this program, you would think that Congress would be acting to protect the funding for the ACP, but you would be wrong, because extremists in the GOP leadership have refused to bring a bill forward to extend the funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program, which runs out at the end of April.

We must get this funding done. It is far too important to every American.

SUPPORTING AMERICA'S CREDIT UNIONS

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

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank over 4,700 credit unions across the Nation, including 111 in my home State of Wisconsin, who are improving the financial well-being of Americans and their communities.

Starting this month, these credit unions are represented by a newly launched America's Credit Unions, which will serve 3.8 million Wisconsinites who are members of a credit union now. This new organization will be headquartered in the great State of Wisconsin. I congratulate them on this new endeavor.

I have recently introduced legislation to allow credit unions to provide