

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, breaking news: An East Carolina University baseball player was involved in a boating accident.

Communities across eastern North Carolina watched, cheering on Parker Byrd through 22 surgeries over 45 days. He survived, but Parker lost his right leg.

Our community not only cheered for Parker, but we have joined his family in praying for him, and yes, the Lord answers prayers.

Madam Speaker, on February 16, another news flash: Parker Byrd, No. 16, returned to the baseball field. As he stood in the batter's box at the season opener, he became the first-ever Division 1 baseball player to play with a prosthetic leg.

Parker is a testament to the resilience of eastern North Carolina and the miracles of God.

America loves Parker. We are cheering for him, Coach Cliff Goodwin, and the entire Pirate baseball team.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL FFA WEEK

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate a week honoring one of our Nation's most significant youth organizations, the FFA.

National FFA Week, celebrated February 17 to 22, recognizes the far-reaching impact of this organization. FFA has chapters in all 50 States, and today, there are more than 900,000 active FFA members.

Because of the incredible investment FFA has made and continues to make in agricultural education, more of our Nation's young people have the skills, knowledge, and opportunity to pursue careers in agriculture and related fields.

Access to agricultural education is vital to our country's future, not just our rural communities. Agriculture is the food on our table, the clothes on our backs, and, increasingly, the fuel in our cars. It is also science, technology, and innovation.

Madam Speaker, agriculture is nothing without the next generation, which is why I am so proud to celebrate the FFA.

The blue FFA jackets symbolize hard work, competent leadership, and a commitment to serving one's community.

FFA members are some of the premier leaders in this country. It is an honor to celebrate the past successes of FFA, while looking forward to how future FFA leaders will enact positive change.

RECOGNIZING TOM SKILLING

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, many things have changed in Chicago over the past 45 years. We are grateful that Tom Skilling has been there for all of that time to help us weather the storms and enjoy the good days, as well.

Tom is "Chicago's Very Own." He is our weatherman.

Our city's pride in Tom is evident. He has had a sandwich named after him. He has his own bobblehead, his own beer, his own asteroid. Perhaps most fittingly, he has his own city snowplow named after him that was unveiled just a few days ago. Its name: Skilling It.

These accolades are well deserved. Tom started his broadcasting career when he was just 14. For his entire career, Tom has embodied the professionalism, kindness, and knowledge we have been lucky to watch on TV every day.

I say to Tom: Enjoy your retirement. Of all people, I am sure that you will be able to find warm beaches and beautiful sunsets.

HONORING STEPHEN COLE FOR HIS SERVICE

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

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the impressive record of one of my constituents, Mr. Stephen Cole, for his service to our Nation.

During the Vietnam war, Sergeant Cole was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division as part of a small patrol reconnaissance and ambush unit operating in Vietnam's Central Highlands near the Cambodian border and the La Drang Valley.

While in Vietnam during a routine reconnaissance patrol, Sergeant Cole suffered wounds during a firefight when he was impaled by a punji stick after stepping into a boobytrap. Had he moved a millimeter to the right or left, he likely would have lost his life.

He was subsequently evacuated to the field hospital in An Khe for medical treatment.

For his service there and his heroism, Sergeant Cole was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic achievement, heroic service, and meritorious actions, in addition to the Purple Heart for the wounds he received in action on July 14, 1970.

Sergeant Cole received numerous other awards for his service, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star attachments, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon.

Madam Speaker, all these awards speak to the true grit and service of Mr. COLE. I had the honor to present him and his family with these awards

myself. It was a powerful moment in recognition of his service, and to thank him on behalf of our entire Nation and thank all of our Vietnam veterans for their heroism and service.

It is my honor to recognize him here today in front of all of my fellow Americans.

RECOGNIZING CLAYTEE WHITE, DIRECTOR OF ORAL HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER

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

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, today, in honor of Black History Month, I rise to recognize Claytee White, director of the Oral History Research Center at the University of Las Vegas.

Claytee has spent the last 20 years developing an extensive knowledge of the city's history and its people, with an expertise on African Americans.

She studied and documented the role of Black performers in desegregating Las Vegas, expanding worker rights, and the continued fight for equality.

Madam Speaker, her positive impact on our community doesn't end there. She is the founder of the Las Vegas Black Historical Society, a hub for those to learn more about the valley's Black community.

She has held numerous leadership roles at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and she is past president of the Southwest Oral History Association.

I thank Claytee for all she has done to lift up and preserve the rich history of African Americans in Las Vegas.

BRING BACK THE HOSTAGES

(Ms. WILSON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of my constituents in Miami and Miami Beach. Many are my neighbors, and they are grieving their relatives and friends who are being held hostage by Hamas.

Their stories are heart-wrenching and chilling. The suffering is immense, and the grief of not knowing, not seeing, and not hearing from their loved ones is torture.

Many of you will remember my hard-fought battle against Boko Haram and my many trips to Nigeria on behalf of the Nigerian school girls. In the spirit of my 7-year journey declaring, "Bring Back Our Girls," to find the Nigerian schoolgirls who were kidnapped in Chibok by the terrorist group Boko Haram, I am launching today the same kind of advocacy and demanding the release of the Israeli hostages kidnapped by the terrorist group Hamas, and I say: Bring back the hostages.

It is time now to turn our attention to the Middle East. We need humanitarian aid, and we need to bring back the hostages.

Next Wednesday, I invite you to join me at a press conference to show our

outrage and advocacy as we demand they bring the hostages back.

You wore red with me for the Chibok girls for 7 years. Please wear shades of blue, royal blue, navy blue, and light blue, to show solidarity.

After the press conference, we will take a picture to share on social media all over the world. I ask you to help me post it everywhere.

MAUI MINUTE 10: MENTAL HEALTH

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Madam Speaker, last week in Lahaina, my team and I participated in a morning pule, or prayer, that EPA and Army Corps workers do each day with the cultural monitors who join them.

Standing in a circle, they speak “‘olelo Hawaii,” “Hawaiian language,” rhythmically cupping and clapping their hands as they ask for safety while they work.

They do another pule at the end of the day to leave behind any negative energy they connected with during their work.

Looking at the remains of our beloved former capital of the Kingdom of Hawaii, one understands these chants are necessary, both to ask for permission to enter and to have a way to respectfully separate at the end of the day.

This has been a mission assignment unlike any. Under the leadership of Colonel Jesse Curry, the Army Corps has made unprecedented efforts to respect the people, culture, and environment and to protect the sacred spaces throughout Maui that were impacted by the fires.

As Colonel Curry soon departs Maui, I hope he knows his commitment to our people and community will not be forgotten.

Mahalo, Colonel Curry, for taking care of our home like it was your home. Please know that you will always be welcomed back as a “local,” a “kama’aina.”

RECOGNIZING LSU MANSHIP SCHOOL OF MASS COMMUNICATION

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

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, Members of this body are so used to me coming up here to talk about all the national championships that LSU has won. Whether it is football, women’s basketball, or baseball, we are up here all the time.

Well, the good news is that LSU’s Manship School of Mass Communication is competing for, once again, another national championship. They are participating in Culturs magazine’s national championship, a promotional tournament.

LSU represents the incredible diversity of Louisiana, which we refer to as America’s foreign country. The culture, the music, the people are like nowhere else in this amazing country.

As the students of LSU Manship School of Mass Communication participate in this national tournament, I wish the best to Brooke Bordelon and the entire team.

Go Tigers.

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HELP FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, over 3.5 million young adults and roughly 700,000 young people experience homelessness in our country. We can’t keep doing the same thing over and over again. With so many of our youth experiencing homelessness, we worked on a bill together called the Youth Homelessness Guaranteed Income Pilot Program Act.

This bill would launch a pilot program providing direct cash assistance to those experiencing homelessness in the amount of \$1,400, or adjusted fair market rent, for 36 months, and then study the effects of the program on housing and health outcomes.

This week, we received an email from someone that said: When I was 17, I was convinced to leave home and family to go live in Texas. I had \$400 in my bank account and a car that broke down every month. This would have helped me tremendously.

I think, again, it is important as we come together to try to end the homelessness crisis in our country that we listen to the people being directly impacted.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this pilot program while respecting the dignity of unhoused young people by co-sponsoring the bill.

RECOGNIZING FREEDOM HOUSE AMBULANCE SERVICE

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

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today, on the last day of Black History Month, in recognition of the Freedom House Ambulance Service, a group of Black men and women from Pittsburgh who, over 50 years ago, revolutionized emergency medical services.

They were the first to perform tourniquets for uncontrolled bleeding, resuscitation techniques for heart attacks, and to treat breathing problems all en route.

These folks were not doctors or nurses. They were from the poorest, Blackest areas of Pittsburgh. They

were overlooked in society still trying, and mostly failing, to deliver on the promise of the Civil Rights Act, yet they set the standard for how medical professionals handle emergency care today while filling the voids of institutions that were failing us.

For the first time, Black folks in Pittsburgh got the medical care we needed, until they were absorbed by the city government when Black neighborhoods started getting better treatment than their rich, White counterparts who refused their services.

Freedom House Ambulance Service saved countless lives in Pittsburgh’s most underserved neighborhoods and their legacy has saved countless lives across the country. Today, I am proud to introduce a resolution honoring them.

As we close out Black History Month, let us not forget the Black historymakers who, despite barriers, made this country a better place.

NEED TO PASS SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, this House is in danger of helping Vladimir Putin take over Ukraine and attack other countries in Europe.

We have supported Ukraine in their two-year battle against Russia to remain a democratic country and a sovereign nation. They need our help. They need our arms.

The Senate passed, in a bipartisan manner, a bill to help Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan, as well as humanitarian aid in Gaza and Ukraine for victims of war. We need to pass that, but Donald Trump doesn’t want it on the floor, and the Speaker of the House will not put it on the floor for a vote, meaning there will be attacks on Ukrainians and carnage unknown.

It occurred when Russia first tried to get to Kyiv and went into Ukraine, and they raped, and they murdered, and they pillaged. We must stand with our friends in Ukraine, support their fight for freedom, or we will have to fight as part of NATO to defend Europe.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. LETLOW). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

AIRPORT AND AIRWAY EXTENSION ACT OF 2024

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules