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John Paul brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2029. While attending Findlay High School, he participated in Gliding Stars Ice Skating, Buckeye Boys State, High School Business club, and was on the honor role. Throughout high school, John Paul was involved in track and field and cross country, earning his varsity letter in both. I am confident that he will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating John Paul Gray on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that John Paul will excel during his career at the Military Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was quarantining after testing positive for COVID-19 and was unable to vote on April 28 through May 1, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on the following bills:

Providing for consideration of the joint resolutions H.J. Res. 60, H.J. Res. 78, H.J. Res. 87, H.J. Res. 88, and H.J. Res. 89—Roll Call No. 105;

Providing for consideration of the joint resolutions H.J. Res. 60, H.J. Res. 78, H.J. Res. 87, H.J. Res. 88, and H.J. Res. 89—Roll Call No. 106;

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to "Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles"—Roll Call No. 110;

Congressional disapproval, of the rule submitted by the EPA relating to "CA Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Em Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Em Airport Shuttle; Zero-Em Power Train Cert.; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision"—Roll Call No. 111;

Congressional disapproval, of the rule submitted by the EPA relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The 'Omni-bus' Low NOX Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision"—Roll Call No. 112;

Congressional disapproval, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife

Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment of the Longfin Smelt"—Roll Call No. 113; and

Congressional disapproval, of the rule submitted by the EPA relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision"—Roll Call No. 114.

I would have voted Yea on the following bills:

Setting Consumer Standards for Lithium-Ion Batteries Act—Roll Call No. 103;

TAKE IT DOWN Act—Roll Call No. 104;

TICKET Act—Roll Call No. 107;

Youth Poisoning Protection Act—Roll Call No. 108; and

Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act—Roll Call No. 109.

SUPPORTING UKRAINE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, Democrats will always be a friend to those fighting for their freedom—and the American people will always stand with Ukraine.

While ceasefire negotiations may be underway, Ukraine is not giving up, nor should they. Russia's offensives have stalled. European partners and allies are still committed to the struggle against aggression from Putin. And the Ukrainian people are speaking clearly, through their elected President Zelensky, that they are a sovereign Nation, and they speak for themselves. Only Ukraine can decide when it is done fighting—no one else.

It is our job in America to continue to support our ally. History teaches that aggressors never stop of their own accord. And they are never satisfied with appeasement. If Vladimir Putin's war is rewarded with Ukrainian land, he will try again for more.

I will continue to advocate for our ally Ukraine—for their defense, for the civilian and military resources they need, and for allowing them to control their own destiny. That is our obligation as an ally and as the world's strongest democracy.

It is my promise to them. As the lead Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, I promise that I will never give up that fight. I will continue to support resources and funding for the Ukrainian people, and I urge them not to give up. We must all continue speaking out, for as long as it takes, until Ukraine is safe and free once more.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS SENSELESS ATTACKS ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans just wasted another week in Washington with no legislation to show for it that

would address our shrinking economy or rising cost of living.

Instead, they launched a series of attacks on a national park, an endangered species, and the ability of states to set strong standards to protect the air that we breathe.

H.J. Res. 60 would prevent the National Park Service from regulating motor vehicle use in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, where just 6 percent of the roads had safeguards put in place to restrict the damage that off-road vehicles had caused. This was a narrowly focused rule to target protections in sensitive areas for the cultural sites, native wildlife, and other natural resources that the Park contains.

H.J. Res. 87, H.J. Res. 88, and H.J. Res. 89 all attempt to misuse the Congressional Review Act (CRA) process to overturn decisions at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce air pollution. Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), California can apply for waivers to set its own vehicle emissions standards, and other states can adopt California's exact regulations under certain circumstances. The law explicitly grants these states the ability to protect their citizens from air pollution and address climate change with stronger standards, and in doing so they are saving Americans \$89 billion in fuel costs through 2040.

These Republican resolutions would make the air dirtier, raise costs for drivers, and also violate the law. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Senate Parliamentarian have already made it clear that CAA waivers do not qualify as a target for a CRA. These decisions are not rules subject to review, but House Republicans are ignoring the law to try to set a precedent for drastically expanding what other protections for the American people they can undermine with a CRA.

As if all this wasn't enough, Republicans wrapped up the week with an attack on an endangered species of smelt in the San Francisco Bay-Delta. Delisting a fish won't solve the water shortage problems of the West; it is a distraction from the real issues of climate change, outdated infrastructure, and competing water allocations. Furthermore, this smelt is a critical part of the foodweb in an ecosystem on the verge of collapse. H.J. Res. 78 would not only overturn the current listing of the longfin smelt but prevent it from ever being listed in the future, no matter how much the threat to this species and its estuary increased.

I voted against all five of the Congressional Review Act resolutions that were brought to the floor this week, and I urge the Republican House Majority to stop bringing these harmful and nonsensical attacks on our public health and the environment to the House floor. Stripping away protections for our wildlife, for our national parks, and for the very air in our lungs doesn't improve Americans lives.

RECOGNIZING JAYDEN SAXTON ON
HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO
ATTEND THE UNITED STATES
NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Jayden Saxton of Fort Jennings, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United

States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Jayden's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2029. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Jayden brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2029. While attending Ottoville High School, he participated in student government, FCCLA, National Honor Society, and was on the honor role. Throughout

high school, Jayden was involved in soccer, earning his varsity letter and becoming team captain. I am confident that he will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jayden Saxton on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that Jayden will excel during his career at the Naval Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.