

colleague, Congressman Butler Derrick of South Carolina. Over the years, she held a variety of roles in Congressman Derrick's office, ultimately rising to become his final Chief of Staff. In all her roles, she earned the respect and admiration of colleagues on both sides of the aisle for her steady leadership, policy expertise, and deep commitment to the American people.

She also spent several years on the staff of the Committee on the Budget where she served as Director of Task Forces and Associate staff. It was during this time that Lynne met her husband, Kevin Richardson, who was then serving on the staff of the Committee on the Judiciary. Their story began when they met in H-127 of the U.S. Capitol during a House-Senate Conference Committee meeting on the 1986 Consolidated Budget Reconciliation Act. It ultimately grew into a 36-year marriage defined by joy, partnership, and unwavering support. Together, they built a loving home, eventually settling in Lake Barrington, Illinois, in 1997. Lynne continued her service to the community through her long-standing role as Finance Director at Barrington United Methodist Church, where she was also an active congregant and faithful servant.

Lynne's greatest pride was her family. Her beloved daughters, Mary Ellen Richardson and Charlotte Richardson, carry forward her legacy of excellence, compassion, and service as both have established distinguished careers of their own in Washington, D.C.

Lynne was many things to many people—a mother, a sister, a mentor, a neighbor, a friend. She was an avid gardener, a beach enthusiast, a reader, a traveler, and a loyal Clemson Tiger. She was equally at home discussing federal budget policy as she was assembling a family jigsaw puzzle or tending to her roses. Throughout her life, she remained grounded in her faith, her family, and her belief in the power of community.

Lynne Jolly Richardson's life was a testament to service, intellect, grace, and love. She enriched every community she was part of—from the foothills of South Carolina to the halls of Congress to the neighborhoods of Lake Barrington. Today we honor her legacy that will be long remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lynne's memory and offering our deepest condolences to the Richardson and Jolly families. May her memory be a blessing, and may her life continue to inspire those of us who follow in her footsteps.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF LIGHTHOUSE VOCATIONAL SERVICES

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and recognize Lighthouse Vocational Services on their 50th anniversary.

Lighthouse Vocational Services, a faith-based nonprofit, provides vocational services and training to adults with developmental disabilities. Starting as a humble organization in 1975 where they served three participants in a firehouse, Lighthouse quickly transformed into

a service that has helped individuals across Lancaster and the surrounding counties. Moving to their current New Holland facility in 2000, Lighthouse Vocational Services helps over 200 individuals today.

Lighthouse Vocational Services provides vocational skills training, employment services, and volunteer opportunities which help individuals with disabilities develop confidence, fulfillment, economic freedom, and connections with the local community. Lighthouse also provides daily activities and art programs for the individuals they serve.

In the 50 years since its opening, Lighthouse Vocational Services has continued in its faith-focused mission to uplift individuals with disabilities. I have seen their work firsthand and am proud to say that their selflessness and hospitality represents what makes Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District so great.

I thank the entire team at Lighthouse Vocational Services for all that they do, and I wish them another 50 years of continued success.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C., on July 23, 2025, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on July 23 answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials, I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

James L. Ammirati, Juan C. Anzaldúa, Richard E. Arcand, Thomas A. Balding, Patrick L. Benson, Ronald E. Bills, David D. Blackburn, Lawrence F. Blanchette, Raymond G. Brown, Michael J. Bubacz, Robert E. Bulanda, John B. Burke, John M. Bzdusek, Leroy W. Carmichael, Charles W. Cavett, Paul L. Clausell, Larry P. Clemens, Jerry Cleveland, Michael P. Cole, Joel J. Conrad.

Richard V. Corbett, Michael J. Deaville, Cornelius H. Dekker, Jr., Edward D. Donohue, Willie L. Driver, Rodney G. Early, Daniel R. Ehart, Craig Fischel, Edward Fitzpatrick, Julius D. Fliebler, Richard W. Foster, Ricky A. Frank, Harold D. Fross, Joseph Furgal.

Charles T. Garrett, James F. Grauvogl, Shallice C. Griffin, Malcolm A. Halsted, Calvin L. Hammond, Leonard T. Harbacek,

Richard J. Hattan, Chris E. Hebert, Mark L. Hebert, Michael N. Hendrix, Charles M. Hill, Ronald E. Jankun, Sr., Elroy Johnson, Ronald A. Johnson, Terry B. Johnson, Gregory A. Jones, Albert A. Jurs, Robert A. Kane, Robert Klodnicki, Louis E. Konc, Richard L. Konc.

Gary A. Kuntz, Kenneth F. Lavorata, Donald G. LeMonnier, Jeffrey A. Little, Joel G. Loven, Edward D. Marcheleta, Robert Martin, Jerry Mason, Donald J. Matker, Wallace W. McGee, James P. McKevitt, Lawrence McNamee, Willis Miles, Bruce A. Miller, Patrick Molloy, Robell C. Mueller, Richard C. Nielsen, John M. Niziolek, Ronald Pallack, Robert C. Pearson, Franz O. Perfect, David Peterson.

Lawrence E. Pluhar, Louis H. Ramirez, Robert F. Roan, Ronald Robinson, William Robinson, Robert Rogers, William S. Rogers, Bernard J. Rokita, John R. Rosewell, Richard A. Ross, Willie M. Rush, Robert W. Sanders, Juan R. Sandoval, Harold Schwind, Francis T. See, Kenneth C. Sell, Frank C. Sims, Robert E. Sivulich, Leonard E. Skiroock, Dennis A. Smith, Patrick A. Smith.

Thomas R. Smith, Philip M. Stebbins, William F. Stender, Lyle F. Stevenson, Jr., Clifford D. Struthers, Gary J. Sullivan, John A. Szostak, Dean R. Theis, James M. Thompson, Robert L. Vipham, John T. Waite, Terrance W. Whitney, Patricia A. Williamson, Louis J. Winder, Edward Wisniewski, Leo J. Wojtaszek, Jr., John A. Wright, Donald O. Young, Richard A. Young.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT BETH TERRELL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Elizabeth "Beth" Terrell of Burr Ridge, Illinois, and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Beth has dedicated herself to faithfully serving our community and country.

A native of Lake Forest, Illinois, Beth attended Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame and graduated in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in communication. She earned her master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University. Beth started her professional career as a Communication and Training Specialist for the Elkhart County government. She later became Director of Marketing for the Center for Eye Care and Coldwell Banker Sammis in New York state. Since then, Beth has devoted much of her time to growing her family and caring for their children along with her husband, Pat. Together, Beth and Pat launched a family business, Terrell Materials, a leading concrete manufacturing company that services major airports.

In addition to her career, Beth has continued to stay involved in numerous community service initiatives. She served as President of the Carolina Panthers' Women Association, a member of the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council Board of Directors, and Girl Scout Leader with the Girl Scouts Council of Greater Chicago and Northwest. Moreover, Beth co-founded Team Terrell alongside Pat to help promote and fundraise for the American Diabetes Association. Her most cherished accomplishment is raising a wonderful family with

seven children, all of whom were instilled with the values of compassion, faith, and kindness. I'm pleased to recognize Beth today for her important contributions to our community, and I wish her continued success.

It is an honor to bestow Beth with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE MOJAVE
WATER AGENCY ON THE OCCA-
SION OF ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th anniversary of the Mojave Water Agency, an institution that has stood as a pillar of responsible stewardship, innovation, and public service in California's High Desert since its founding in 1960.

For over six decades, the Mojave Water Agency has safeguarded one of our region's most precious resources: water. Formed by local voters in response to declining groundwater levels, the Agency has grown into one of the most respected and visionary water management organizations in our state.

As one of California's original State Water Project contractors, the Mojave Water Agency was instrumental in bringing imported water to the region. That achievement helped pave the way for responsible population growth, economic development, and long-term sustainability in one of the most arid areas of our Nation. Today, the Agency's service area spans nearly 5,000 square miles and provides water resource management for nearly half a million residents.

Over the past 65 years, the Mojave Water Agency has distinguished itself through its technical excellence, long-range planning, and commitment to the efficient and responsible use of water. Its leadership has fostered strong partnerships with local governments, businesses, and residents, building a foundation of trust and shared responsibility.

Equally commendable is the Agency's focus on public education and outreach. Through this work, the Mojave Water Agency has not only fulfilled its operational mission but has cultivated a strong culture of civic pride and community stewardship.

The Mojave Water Agency has helped ensure that life across our region remains sustainable, secure, and well-prepared for the challenges ahead. On behalf of California's 23rd Congressional District, I extend my deepest appreciation to the leaders, staff, and partners of the Mojave Water Agency for 65 years of exemplary service. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable institution and in wishing it continued success for decades to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KELLY MORRISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 22, I did not vote on Roll Call No. 215.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 215.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, there is another critical point I must make about the rescissions proposal that the House is now considering. OMB's defiance of the norms around review of special messages and the law mandating disclosure of apportionments appears to be designed to evade review of the rescission proposals by the Congress, Congress's watchdog, and the public alike.

Unlike in the past, OMB has refused to make the apportionments for the accounts at issue available to the Government Accountability Office for their required review under the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. In its report to Congress on the June 3, 2025, special message proposing these rescissions, the Government Accountability Office noted that for "previous special messages, GAO has reviewed updated apportionment data to ensure [OMB's] instructions were consistent with the special message." But for these rescissions proposals, OMB flat out refused "to provide GAO with updated apportionment data that would permit GAO to conduct the same analysis for the President's special message of June 3, 2025."

This is unacceptable, and it is unlawful. In the FY 2022 and FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Acts, when I was chair of the Appropriations Committee, Congress—on a bipartisan basis—required OMB to post apportionments publicly. If OMB were obeying this law, then not only would Congress and the GAO have critical information we needed to consider the rescissions package before us, but the public would have had the critical information they needed to share their opinions with us about the impact of these cuts and any other funds OMB or these agencies may be withholding in violation of the Impoundment Control Act. Congress has required OMB to make this information public, and once again, I urge OMB to comply with the law and do so—now.

And, yes, I know that OMB has made the wrongheaded argument to the Committees that somehow apportionment decisions on congressionally passed and duly enacted appropriations are both legally binding as well as predecisional and deliberative, and that the requirement to post such information is unconstitutional, but that is not so. OMB and Director Vought continue to be deeply confused about the Constitution, the rule of law, and foundational fiscal laws like the Antideficiency Act and the Impoundment Control Act. The Constitution vested the power of the purse in the Congress, not the President, and the Congress assigned the President the responsibility to apportion appropriations to protect Congress's power, not cede it to the Executive Branch. And as the constitutional stewards of the power of the purse, Congress can—through enacted laws—certainly require the apportionment information to be published to the benefit of both the Congress and the pub-

lic, who deserve access to information about the use of taxpayer dollars.

Finally, I must speak out against the pattern of unlawful impoundment that is being led by OMB Director Russ Vought, who insists that there is somehow a loophole in the Impoundment Control Act that permits the Executive Branch to unilaterally cancel appropriations—that otherwise expire under current law at the end of the fiscal year—by transmitting a special message proposing rescissions late in the fiscal year and withholding the amounts until they can no longer be used. But to quote the late Justice Scalia, the Congress "does not, one might say, hide elephants in mouseholes." Indeed, unilateral actions by the Executive Branch that would impound congressionally passed and duly enacted appropriations is the very thing the Impoundment Control Act prohibits.

Director Vought refers to his unlawful maneuver as a "pocket rescission," which is just another name for unlawful impoundment. The December 2018 Government Accountability Office legal opinion (B-330330), requested jointly by then House Budget Committee Chairman STEVE WOMACK and Ranking Member John Yarmuth, is exactly right though and confirms that the Impoundment Control Act bars this maneuver. The Government Accountability Office stated unequivocally that "[t]his interpretation would, in effect, give the President power to amend or to repeal previously enacted appropriations merely by calibrating the timing of the submission of a special message" and that "[a] withholding of this nature would be an aversion both to the constitutional process for enacting federal law and to Congress's constitutional power of the purse." As part of its analysis, the Government Accountability Office reasons that "[t]he plain language of section 1012(b) provides that absent Congress's completion of action on a rescission bill rescinding all or part of amounts proposed to be rescinded within the prescribed 45-day period, such amounts must be made available for obligation," which requires that the "budget authority must not be expired." And I remain in agreement with Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM and Representative HAL ROGERS, as the Senate Chairman and House Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs of the Appropriations Committees, when they wrote in 2019 to President Trump that "[w]e supported the budget deal and did so in good faith. Preventing agencies from obligating such large sums seems an abdication of this bipartisan agreement, and Congress thus expressed strong opposition to this precise exercise last year. Furthermore, the U.S. Government Accountability Office's December 2018 legal opinion concluded that the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act does not permit the withholding of funds through their date of expiration and notes the President's responsibility in ensuring prudent obligation of funds."

Republicans and Democrats alike should reject this ploy for what it is: a direct assault to Congress's Article I power. Allowing any Administration to erase duly enacted funding through procedural delays that amount to unlawful impoundment would destabilize the appropriations process and corrode the separation of powers that the Impoundment Control Act was enacted to defend.

I remind my colleagues that Congress alone holds the power of the purse. It is right there