

CONGRATULATING APOSTLE
NORBERT SIMMONS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am excited to take a moment to celebrate Apostle Norbert Simmons. He founded Deeper Life Church Ministries, which recently marked an incredible 41 years of service.

Hailing from Mount Olive, North Carolina, Apostle Simmons graduated from Carver High School, where he served as chaplain for the National Alumni Association. He has done a fantastic job of growing his church from just 9 to 2,000 members.

Apostle Simmons has truly inspired so many in the community, and I had the privilege of presenting him with the Order of the Longleaf Pine on behalf of the Governor.

It is essential to acknowledge that he didn't do it alone. His loving wife, Gwen, along with their family and church, supported him every step of the way.

We are all so grateful for everything that Apostle Simmons and his family have contributed to eastern North Carolina and our State.

CELEBRATING CHAMORU PEOPLE'S
VIBRANT HERITAGE

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the rich and vibrant heritage of the CHamoru people as we recognize March as the National CHamoru Heritage and Cultural Month. The CHamoru people have long exemplified the spirit of inafa'maolek, the CHamoru philosophy of interdependence and cooperation as the very foundation of their culture.

Throughout history, they have shown remarkable resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity, embodying the true spirit of strength and unity.

Mr. Speaker, let us acknowledge the significant contributions of the CHamoru people to the tapestry of our Nation's culture and history. Our traditions, language, and customs are a testament to our unwavering commitment to preserving our heritage and identity.

In closing, I say: "Biba mes CHamoru"; "Long live CHamoru Month."

May this month serve as a reminder to all of us to embrace and celebrate the remarkable CHamoru heritage and culture.

MAKE HOUSING AFFORDABLE

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

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Oregonians can't afford to buy a home.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the rent is too damned high.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the game is rigged.

Mr. Speaker, I hear from everyone I talk to, from my constituents to my kids, about how hard it is to find affordable housing.

Oregon ranks 45th in the Nation in housing affordability, and it is getting worse. Our population has grown faster than our housing supply, driving costs up for buyers and renters.

I refuse to leave Oregonian families hanging. That is why I am fighting on the Financial Services Committee to make a difference. I am fighting to make it easier to buy or rent a home, and I am fighting to build more houses and increase our supply.

Mr. Speaker, I will always fight to lower costs and make life just a little bit easier for Oregonians.

ENERGY RELIEF FOR FAMILIES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, families continue to suffer from the disastrous decisions of the Biden-Harris administration, which led to outrageous energy prices.

Republicans passed bills this week to correct regulations of Biden and lower costs, including:

Reversing the rule on energy standards, which overregulates standards for consumer products and commercial equipment, led by Congressman ANDREW CLYDE.

Reversing the rule on national emission standards, which imposes limits on tire manufacturers, led by Congressman MORGAN GRIFFITH. This legislation supports tire manufacturers, such as Michelin and Bridgestone, in South Carolina, which now is the leading State manufacturer and exporter of tires in America, creating jobs.

Reversing the rule requiring archeological reports for oil and gas exploration or development plans on the Outer Continental Shelf, led by Senator JOHN KENNEDY.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent, as warned by the FBI. President Trump is reinstating existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

MAUI MINUTE ON HUD'S OFFICE
OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike,

came together to pass the American Relief Act of 2025, securing \$12 billion to rebuild communities devastated by disaster. We made a promise to North Carolina, Florida, Texas, and Maui.

Mr. Speaker, that promise isn't just being broken. It is being ripped apart. What a slap in the face for those constituents when that funding to rebuild homes, businesses, and communities gets delayed or even withheld because the Musk-Trump administration plans to gut HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development, the very team responsible for getting billions of relief dollars to where they belong. It will be essentially eliminated. That isn't streamlining or efficiency. That is sabotage.

This week, I am proud to have led a bipartisan letter, signed by 47 Members of Congress, calling on this administration to not cut these critical positions.

We voted for this funding. Now, let's do our jobs and fight to make sure it gets to the people who need it most.

HONORING COACH JOHN WILLIS

(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 honor the life and legacy of Coach John Willis, the winningest football coach in Brunswick High School history, who passed away at the age of 80.

Starting in 1980, he led the Brunswick High School Pirates to an impressive record of 138-103 over 22 seasons. Under his guidance, the Pirates secured four regional championships, including three consecutive titles, from 1997 to 1999. The 1999 team reached the State championship game, finishing with a 14-1 record.

Beyond the field, Coach Willis was a dedicated physical education teacher at Brunswick High School, known for his motivational speeches and serving as a father figure to many of his players.

As a lifelong resident of Brunswick, Coach Willis, alongside his wife, Barbara, contributed significantly to local education and athletics.

Coach Willis is survived by his wife, Barbara, and their three children, Michael, Wesley, and Maria.

Maria now follows in her father's footsteps, coaching the Lady Pirates basketball team.

Coach Willis' unwavering dedication to his students, athletes, and the Brunswick community has left an enduring legacy that will inspire future generations.

AMERICA STILL SUPPORTS
UKRAINE

(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, for 3 years, Ukraine has fought for its survival

against Russia's brutal assault. For 3 years, America has supported the Ukrainian people in their brave fight for freedom.

Mr. Speaker, Trump is halting military aid, blocking intelligence sharing, and betraying a democratic ally. This risks our national security and emboldens dictators around the globe.

History will judge us for abandoning a democracy under attack and for leaving innocent people to defend themselves against an aggressive authoritarian regime.

Mr. Speaker, there is still time for my Republican friends to speak up.

There is still time for Republicans to reaffirm to the world that America does not bow to our foreign adversaries.

There is still time for Republicans to join with Democrats and remind Donald Trump that America does not abandon our friends.

For our future and theirs, we cannot—we must not—betray the courageous people of Ukraine.

RECOGNIZING ARCADIO SANTIAGO-RODRIGUEZ

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary service of Master Sergeant Arcadio Santiago-Rodriguez, a proud member of the Army's 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

During the Korean war, then-Private First Class Santiago-Rodriguez displayed extraordinary heroism in the face of danger. When his squad leader was gravely wounded, he swiftly took command, rallying his fellow soldiers and leading them safely with unwavering courage and determination.

Later, while evacuating a wounded comrade, he singlehandedly engaged five enemy soldiers, killing four and capturing a fifth, forcing that captured soldier to carry the wounded soldier to safety. For his heroism, he was awarded the Silver Star.

At 101 years old, Master Sergeant Santiago-Rodriguez continues to inspire us.

I join my predecessor, the Honorable Bill Posey, in honoring Mr. Rodriguez, and I hope that he will be recognized for his unwavering service to our Nation.

STAYING ON UKRAINE'S SIDE

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I applaud and support the remarks of the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ROSS). We must be on Ukraine's side and against dictators, despots, and war criminals.

HONORING BEVERLY BYRON

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Marylander, a dedicated champion of our men and women in uniform, and a former Member of this body, Beverly Byron, a dear friend of mine for over 60 years.

Beverly passed away at the age of 92 on February 9.

When Beverly succeeded her husband, Representative Goodloe Byron, in Congress after his sudden passing in 1978, many people underestimated her. Throughout her 14 years in Congress, however, she proved to be a gifted leader in her own right.

Beverly became the first woman to chair a House Armed Services subcommittee. Her commitment to her constituents and to her principles earned her respect on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress needs more leaders like Beverly Byron today. Her passing is a great loss to Maryland, to America, and to this institution.

I ask my colleagues to join me in praying for Beverly and her family.

HIGHLIGHT OF TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I will discuss the biggest highlight of the Trump administration so far, and that is what he has done at the border. We have gone from having over 300,000 people a month trying to get into this country to under 8,000 in February.

That shows that, with a little bit of determination, we can enforce our immigration laws.

Mr. Speaker, there was an important hearing that was not covered enough in this Congress this week. In the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, we brought in four Democratic mayors who refused to say that our immigration laws should be enforced.

It is very difficult for President Trump to protect our country when we have elected officials, mayors and Governors from around the country, in essence saying: We are going to stand in the way of enforcing our immigration laws.

It is time for the American people to stand up and tell their local officials that we want our immigration laws enforced. It is very difficult to enforce them if local law enforcement or social services are not on board.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FRANK TURNER

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, as a proud gentlewoman from Maryland, I

rise today to honor the life and legacy of Frank Turner, a distinguished educator and public servant whom we lost earlier this year.

In 1990, Frank made history by becoming the first Black judge in Howard County, Maryland. Then in 1994, he became the first African American elected to the general assembly from Howard County where he served with distinction for 24 years.

After his time in the legislature, he served his community further as a trustee of Howard Community College.

Frank will forever be remembered for his generosity and kindness, his thoughtfulness and his skill, but above all, for his unwavering commitment to his community, Howard County, which stays with me and so many Marylanders.

He led a life of unparalleled service, and for that we will ever be grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I am personally keeping his family, his friends, and every life that he ever touched through his good works in my prayers.

AMERICA IS WORTH CHEERING FOR

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, during the joint session Tuesday night, Republicans cheered for the vision, plan, and great future of America. We cheered for secure borders, wiping out fentanyl and human trafficking, and an energy policy that lowers fuel cost and inflation.

We cheered for our military, increased recruitment of young patriots, and readiness. We cheered for peace, world stability, and an America first economy, bringing a renaissance to U.S. technology, manufacturing, great-paying jobs, and the Made in the USA logo.

We cheered for the President's leadership in fighting waste, abuse, fraud, and corruption. We cheered for the vision of a new Golden Age, and Americans cheered with us.

We saw in the polls over 75 percent, nearly 80 percent, appreciated the optimistic, yet realistic outlook for our great country. We cheered for a child who overcame cancer, a family who suffered loss, and the brave who were knocked down but got back up, truly an American thing.

Unfortunately, not everyone cheered. Rather, there was seemingly opposition without a cause. That is not productive. It is counterproductive. America is an idea about hope; always will be; always was.

Mr. Speaker, America is worth cheering for.

MICHIGAN HAS 2.6 MILLION PEOPLE ON MEDICAID

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