

Jackie Robinson once said: “A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.” James Min personifies that statement and sentiment.

Mr. Speaker, we wish James well in his next endeavor as his legacy here lasts for generations to come.

**CELEBRATING THE REBUILDING OF THE BRUNTON FAMILY’S DAIRY FARM**

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a Beaver County staple rising from the ashes and rebuilding after a tragedy.

The Brunton family has been milking cows on their Independence Township Dairy Farm for seven generations. They embody western P.A. values of hard work, deep roots in the community, and connection to the land.

That all went up in flames in October 2023 when an electrical failure sparked a barn fire. It was a major loss. Half a dozen cows didn’t make it out in time. The family and the entire community was heartbroken, but the Bruntons are western P.A. tough. The community rallied around them to rebuild. Now 15 months after the fire, Brunton Dairy Farm’s milking operation is back up and running.

The new barn is packed with state-of-the-art technology and things like robotic milkers and the cows have come home. It is a classic western Pennsylvania story of toughness and resilience. We know these stories. I am so glad to join the Brunton family and all of Beaver County in celebrating their big-time comeback.

**OFFERING THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO JAMES MIN**

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to offer my thanks and gratitude to James Min, as well.

I appreciate the fact that when I was a brand-new Member of Congress, a while back, that he has always been a great help not just to me but to anyone who asks. I am grateful for his selfless public service. As was said before, I think it will last for generations. I am grateful, and I wish him well.

**HONORING THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NICOLE POSTAN**

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, this Women’s History Month, I rise to honor and celebrate the remarkable achievement of Nicole Postan.

Firefighter Postan has made history as the first full-time female firefighter in the Margaretta Township Fire Department.

A native of Brunswick, Ohio, Nicole’s dedication and passion for serving her community have set an inspiring example for all of us. Nicole’s journey in public service is a testament to her determination and commitment.

As a certified firefighter and EMT, she has worked tirelessly to protect and serve the people of northwest Ohio. Now, as a full-time firefighter, she continues to exemplify what it means to be a true trailblazer.

Beyond her technical skills, Nicole’s compassionate approach to service is evident in her work with children, teaching fire safety in schools. She also is pursuing efforts in education as she trains to become a paramedic.

Nicole’s story will undoubtedly inspire future generations of young women in Erie County and beyond to pursue careers as a trailblazer and first responder.

This Women’s History Month, I am gratified to tell the story of a brave woman who has broken glass ceilings in our own community.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF THE LATE FAISON KUESTER, JR.**

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

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart to honor the life and memory of the late Faison Kuester, Jr., my friend who passed away peacefully at the age of 79.

A proud patriot, veteran, and fourth-generation Charlottean, he attended Myers Park High School, my alma mater, and UNC-Chapel Hill.

After graduation, Faison enlisted in the U.S. Army and served honorably as a first lieutenant in the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam war. As a platoon leader, he earned a Bronze Star for his service to our country.

After returning to Charlotte, Faison began a career in commercial real estate, founded his own firm, and raised a family.

Like his father and grandfather, Faison was dedicated to serving his Charlotte community. He served as chairman of the Civil Service Board, continuing his family’s legacy of giving back.

Faison will forever be remembered as a kind, gracious friend and neighbor to all, always leading with his strong and abiding faith.

Mr. Speaker, our hearts and prayers are with Faison’s beloved wife, Carol, their three children, and nine grandchildren during this difficult time.

**MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SHOULD SHOW UP TO WORK WITHOUT PAY DURING A SHUTDOWN**

(Mr. VINDMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, as a veteran, I cannot support a budget that would cut \$23 billion from care for veterans exposed to burn pits and toxic substances during their service to our country.

This budget also harms local police by cutting hundreds of millions to COPS grants and justice assistance grants.

The Federal workers I represent know firsthand the disruptions and uncertainty that come when lawmakers fail to govern responsibly. Hard-working Americans understand that if you don’t do your job, you don’t get paid. Congress should be no different.

I am proud to work with Congressman FITZPATRICK on a bipartisan commonsense bill that forces Members of Congress to show up to work without pay during a shutdown. This would encourage real cooperation, prevent last-minute crises, and ensure that lawmakers are putting the American people first.

This budget is an unserious proposal that guts healthcare programs that Virginians count on. I won’t vote for a bill that will lead to kids, veterans, and seniors losing the care they need.

**CELEBRATING THE WYOMING VALLEY CHILDREN’S ASSOCIATION**

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

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Wyoming Valley Children’s Association and their Cooking for a Cause fundraiser, which was held on Monday, March 3.

This event, hosted by the Brotherhood of Chefs, has raised more than \$250,000 since the cook-off first began in 2012.

The Wyoming Valley Children’s Association was originally founded in 1923 to help children impacted by polio and tuberculosis. Today, they provide services ranging from infant and toddler daycare, therapeutic services for speech and hearing, programs for children with developmental disabilities, and more.

The WVCA does so much more for our children, helping to raise our next generation. Northeastern Pennsylvania has a history of coming together to help each other and build strong, vibrant communities.

I am proud to honor the Cooking for a Cause, and I am grateful for everyone in northeastern Pennsylvania who comes together to support our children.

**ELON MUSK HAS NO IDEA WHAT HE IS DOING**

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, we have heard for months now that this administration only hires the very best people.

Really? Let's look at exhibit A. This is the guy? This guy? This is the guy that keeps swinging around his big chainsaw? This is the guy who is going to fix government?

Let me state for the record what millions of Americans can already see with their own eyes and what Trump's own Cabinet can see and what my colleagues across the aisle are hoping nobody will ask them about.

Elon Musk has no idea what he is doing.

He has fired people who guard our nuclear arsenal. He has gone after the people protecting us from bird flu and Ebola. His own emails and directives contradict each other. He erroneously triple counted contracts to inflate the DOGE numbers. He has had to remove faulty claims and replace them with a page saying: Coming soon.

Mr. Speaker, the incompetence is shocking, and it makes us all less safe. From exposing our personal, private information to leaving Americans stranded abroad to kicking our veterans to the curb, we deserve so much better than this.

#### HONORING JAY BURKE III, GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 201st SAVANNAH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

(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 Jay Burke III, the Grand Marshal of the 201st Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade.

This prestigious role is made even more special as Jay follows in the footsteps of his father, James F. "Jimmy" Burke, Jr., who led the same parade 28 years ago in 1997.

Their legacy is a testament to the deep tradition of this event, one of America's oldest and grandest St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Jay has long been a dedicated leader in Savannah's Irish community, serving as a parade officer and as chairman. His leadership and his passion have left an indelible mark on our city.

This St. Patrick's Day, Jay will carry forward not just a family tradition but the enduring spirit of our community's Irish heritage that defines this parade.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Jay on this richly deserved role.

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#### CUTS TO MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I recently met with a group of advocates for children with complex medical needs and disabilities. They all shared stories of their kids with special needs or that they were simply allies.

Their vision is that all children with these complex needs should have the medical care, education, and support they need to thrive. However, this vision will never be achieved by slashing the coverage of children on Medicaid or firing NIH scientists who are responsible for developing treatments and cures for rare diseases.

The plan to severely cut Medicaid and gut NIH funding is a serious threat to the health and stability of so many families across the country like the ones I met with last week. I will continue to fight with these kids for the care that they deserve.

#### CONTINUING RESOLUTION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, we will be taking on the continuing resolution soon this week. Although it is the way we don't really like doing business around here, I would much rather we grind through the Appropriations Committee process, which is a lot more open, it is a necessary evil we have to get done in order to keep the government funded and keep things moving forward.

With what President Trump and his team have been laying out for us here, I think it is something that we can certainly deal with and get a good result as we grind through the following fiscal year on appropriations. Again, it is not ideal, but it is the way to keep things operating, and it does have some good pluses in it as well.

I also want to point out, as several colleagues did here tonight, the moving on of a good friend, James Min, who I first knew working in the Kevin McCarthy office when he was whip. He helped our team get up to speed here in this place when I was a new Member and my new staff as well. I really appreciate him and wish him all the best across the street, wherever he is going to be in those endeavors.

I thank James Min a lot for his effort and for just being a good, fun guy. We will see him.

#### SUPPORT OUR FIREFIGHTERS

(Mrs. McCLAIN-DELANEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCLAIN-DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in defense of the National Fire Academy located in my district in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where courses were eliminated by the administration on Friday, effective immediately.

This academy, renowned nationally, is a place where each year tens of thou-

sands of firefighters and EMS join top experts to train with and share best practices in fire and hazard safety.

Over 90 percent of supervisors say that their firefighters were better prepared to respond to emergencies as a result of their academy training.

With ever-worsening wildfires and other severe national disasters threatening communities across this country, the education and training provided by the NFA has never been more important to strengthen our national preparedness.

While I agree that the government should run more efficiently, jeopardizing our firefighters' personal safety and the safety and well-being of our communities is never the answer. I call on FEMA to reverse this decision, and I urge my congressional colleagues to join me in support of our firefighters.

#### HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALICE ROKER

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Alice Roker, a dedicated public servant and a beloved pillar of the Yorktown community.

Alice made history as the first Black woman elected to office in Yorktown, serving as town clerk and a longtime member of the town board. She left an indelible mark, serving with grace, integrity, and an unshakeable commitment to the people she represented.

Alice was a mentor, a problem solver, and a bridge builder, always putting the needs of her community ahead of politics. Even after leaving office, she continued to offer guidance and wisdom to those who followed in her footsteps, ensuring that Yorktown remained a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Her passing is a profound loss, but her impact will live on in the countless lives she impacted. My deepest condolences go out to her family, friends, and the entire Yorktown community. May we honor her memory by carrying forward her dedication to service and kindness.

May Alice Roker rest in peace.

#### CONSIDERING THE PAINFUL TOLL

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, this weekend in Yonkers, I met four constituents who have recently been fired from Federal service. Their human stories force us to consider the painful toll created by the cut-and-destroy method of management by this administration.

Departments are being slashed and eliminated and so are the lives of professionals who have devoted their entire careers to public service. Without