

of captain, having served 39 combat missions during the Gulf war.

During his naval career, he was awarded two Defense Superior Service Medals, one Legion of Merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, four Air Medals with Combat V, two Navy Commendation Medals, one Navy Achievement Medal, two Southwest Asia Service Medals, one Navy Expeditionary Medal, two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, a NASA Distinguished Service Medal, and an Overseas Service Ribbon.

He only resigned his commission to help provide care and assistance to his beloved wife who had served here formerly, Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, following an assassination attempt on her in Tucson in 2011.

Words and statements have meaning. Elon Musk needs to be held accountable for his. Today, world leaders have resoundingly stood tall aside the Nation of Ukraine in agreeing to a 1-month cease-fire. The United States has also agreed to lift the embargo on armaments and will be sending 1 month of armaments to Ukraine as the rest of the world looks to Russia to be cooperative in our effort to stop the killing in central Europe.

#### BRINGING ATTENTION TO ALBERTO OSUNA

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring much-needed attention to an extraordinary ballplayer and young man and a Vol hopeful. His name is Alberto Osuna.

He was born in America, and he is affectionately known as Berto. He transferred to the University of Tennessee in January after an impressive career at North Carolina and Walters State Community College where he knocked out 45 home runs and knocked in 140 runs over three seasons.

Despite following all the necessary steps to secure eligibility to play for the University of Tennessee, the NCAA in their infinite wisdom has blocked his opportunity. Students at UT have painted the rock to my left here to show their support for Berto in hopes that he might play his final season with the Vols at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

He wanted to do something for his family. This is what this is all about. In over a minute I don't have time to explain it all, but this situation just isn't about Berto. It is about ensuring that student athletes are on a level playing field, Mr. Speaker, against the bureaucratic machine and nightmare that the NCAA has become and seemingly continues to let down the student-athletes they claim to serve. They just follow the dollars, Mr. Speaker.

I would urge the NCAA to take some serious action and grant Alberto the immediate eligibility he deserves and take the necessary steps to prioritize

the well-being of their student-athletes, ensuring that opportunities for success are not blocked by unnecessary red tape.

Osuna left his whole life in Tampa to come to Knoxville and play for Coach Tony Vitello and the Vols. The NCAA needs to do the right thing. Free Berto. Give him the time he deserves on the field. The balls are stacked again this year, Mr. Speaker. They are coming off a national championship. They are winning again. It is not imperative that he gets on the team for them to win. It is just the right thing. NCAA should do the right dadgum thing.

#### HONORING LIFE OF GWEN ROBINSON

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Gwen Robinson, a dear friend of mine, an incredible leader, and an incredible human being.

She was one of the first people I met when I arrived in Cincinnati, and she welcomed me in the way she did with almost everyone, immediately kind and immediately generous.

There is a real argument to be made that much of what I have accomplished, what so many of us accomplished in southwest Ohio wouldn't have happened without her. She fought so hard for the children in the Bond Hill Head Start program that she helped lead, making sure each one of them had the highest quality preschool. It was part of what convinced me that every child in Cincinnati deserved 2 years of quality preschool, and when we said we wanted to do that, she was there every step of the way. She poured everything into helping us get the Preschool Promise passed. She did the same with the public transit levy a few years later.

There aren't enough words to capture her impact. Gwen was a giant and will be missed by all of us.

#### CONTINUING RESOLUTION SETS STAGE FOR NEW GOLDEN AGE

(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, here is some truth. Despite many false claims, the continuing resolution we just passed does not cut Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, or veterans benefits or any healthcare benefits at all.

In reality, the CR was almost entirely the Democrat's budget bill last year. The opposition today and their vote to shut down the government is a little perplexing.

Mr. Speaker, here is what this bill actually offers: it gives our troops a 10 percent raise; provides \$6 billion for veterans' healthcare; invests \$7.6 bil-

lion into WIC for women and infants; \$425 million for food delivery programs for seniors, among other things.

Mr. Speaker, we are paying for it responsibly. We are repurposing \$20 billion in excess funding from the attempt to increase the IRS by \$80 billion last year, and we are redirecting \$10 billion from the Commerce Department's slush fund, funds that were not used and need to be repurposed.

This CR sets the stage for a plan for a new golden era for our country, and I was pleased to support it.

#### HONORING NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF CHICAGO

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago on their 50th anniversary and to recognize the enduring legacy of Gale Cincotta, a fearless leader for housing justice.

Gale understood that owning a home was not just about having a place to live, it was about stability, opportunity, and the chance to build a future, a better future. She took on fighting the banks against redlining and was a champion of the Community Reinvestment Act and never backed down in her pursuit of fairness for working families.

During the early 1980s, I had the privilege of working at NHS to see how access to affordable housing could change lives. I saw struggling families become thriving homeowners. I saw struggling neighborhoods revitalized into thriving communities. NHS has shaped many lives. It certainly played a pivotal role early in my own formation.

Our work is far from over. Families are still being priced out. Displacement and gentrification are still impacting families, and the access to these programs is under attack.

Today we celebrate NHS for 50 incredible years but also recommit to the fight for housing justice.

#### HOUSING

(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, last weekend when I was home I saw a very good guy who was recently married. He already has two children, and he was happy because he was buying a new house. He had to save up money for a down payment to do it.

The thing I noticed, though, is that during the 2 or 3 years that it took to save for the down payment, he had to live with his in-laws, which was fine because he had a strong family, and that is what it took to buy the house. It bothered me knowing that in other places in this country people are just

given housing. They don't have to live with their in-laws, and, in essence, the government is treating them better than this example of a guy who was married and spent a couple years with his wife's parents.

I hope in the future that this Congress changes the rules so we no longer benefit or raise this guy's taxes to set up someone for their own house immediately.

CONGRESSIONAL SPENDING

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

Ms. FRIEDMAN. Mr. Speaker, the power of the purse belongs to Congress, not to the President, and this has nothing to do with our current President Donald Trump. This is in the Constitution, and it is clear as day, and it has been affirmed over and over again by the Supreme Court.

Unfortunately, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to have it both ways. They want to let Elon Musk, an unelected billionaire, wreck our government with illegal cuts, but they seem to lack the courage of their convictions to actually vote on these cuts. They lack that courage because they know how toxic these cuts are, deep cuts to healthcare, cuts to childcare, cuts that help the most vulnerable among us.

They won't even allow a vote on my amendment when all it would do is force the President to follow the Constitution. I am here with a simple request for my Republican colleagues.

Abide by your oath. Stand up for the Constitution. Allow a vote on this amendment. Stand up for your own constituents. Stand up for your own constitutional authority. That is what we are elected to do. That is why we are here. It is one of the main reasons we are here. Do not give our authority as Congress away to an unelected bureaucrat.

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CONGRATULATING YOUNGSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, ON 150TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. KNOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the great people of Youngsville, North Carolina, ahead of their 150th anniversary celebration on March 17.

Originally a railroad town and a community along U.S. Highway 1, Youngsville played a pivotal role in the growth of North Carolina's agricultural and rail industries and, in turn, helped develop the economy of our State and our region together.

Today, Youngsville mirrors her residents. It is a vibrant, proudly patriotic

community with robust growth across the board. Yet somehow, despite this growth, Youngsville has retained its character and heart by reimagining its downtown to meet the demands of an active community. It is no wonder that young families from across North Carolina and the region have flocked to this area.

As its residents know, Youngsville is a truly special place and a treasure for the great State of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Youngsville community on this anniversary, and I wish them all the best in the next 150 years.

REMEMBERING DR. HAZEL DUKES

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, Hazel Dukes was a lifelong champion for families and children in New York and across the country. Through her decades of civil rights activism, including as president of the NAACP, Dr. Dukes fought tirelessly to build a more perfect Union.

Dr. Dukes broke barriers as the first Black American to work for the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, where she stood up for Long Island communities that had been long ignored or underserved.

As we mourn her tremendous loss, we take comfort in the fact that Dr. Dukes' legacy will continue to live on in those that she mentored and the countless Americans who have been impacted by her life's work. May she rest in peace.

REMEMBERING JEREMY ZAVITZ

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jeremy Zavitz, a beloved father, husband, and member of our community and a teacher at DeLaSalle High School in Minneapolis.

Jeremy dedicated his life to teaching and touched the lives of hundreds of Minneapolis students over the years. Even in the midst of difficult health challenges, he never wavered in his commitment to educating and supporting his students.

Generations of young people will carry his lessons of kindness, authenticity, and the power of connection.

Jeremy saw education as more than just an avenue for teaching. He saw it as a place to help his students become their best selves. His students and colleagues alike remember him as a teacher who led with authenticity and heart.

Our community will miss Jeremy dearly, and his legacy will live on.

REPUBLICAN CR VOTE IS SHAMEFUL

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

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, what happened today is disgraceful.

House Republicans have abandoned working Americans. They are taking housing and food from our seniors, children, and families. They have abandoned our veterans, the people who have bled for our country so that we can be free.

They have given this administration and its illegitimate mercenaries free license to gut agencies and services.

Mr. Speaker, make no mistake, the vote the Republicans took today is a shameful turn for this body.

In the words of Donzaleigh Abernathy, the daughter of Reverend Ralph Abernathy, best friend to Martin Luther King and a civil rights leader:

We will not go quietly into this reality. The American people want you to fight back, fight on, and stand strong for truth, justice, and equality for all.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Donzaleigh and Oregon that I will continue to fight, and I hope they will stay with me in this fight.

WHAT IS IN THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(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, the House just voted to pass a radical, partisan government funding bill. I voted "no" because it lets Elon Musk decide how this money is going to be spent by Federal agencies.

There is a lot wrong with this bill.

This bill fails to lower the cost of housing and instead cuts rent subsidies for low-income Americans, including seniors and domestic violence survivors, by \$700 million.

This enables President Trump and Elon Musk to cancel transportation infrastructure projects already underway. These projects are reducing traffic congestion and improving subway systems.

This reduces the emergency food program by \$20 million at a time when food prices are on the rise.

This allows Musk and Trump to fire thousands of employees at the Social Security Administration.

It cuts funding for healthcare for veterans who are exposed to toxins, and so much more that is worse.

We needed a bill that protects the middle class and makes life less expensive for residents in Westchester and the Bronx. This continuing resolution is the opposite of that. Remember, I told you so.