

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.

## CR STRIPS AWAY PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state that should now the House-approved full-year continuing resolution become law, it will be a legislative tragedy for northwest Indiana that will strip away specific funding for public safety and economic development.

By not including community project funding requests approved by this institution in the House Appropriations Committee just last year, Indiana's First Congressional District loses \$4 million in approved funds to support equipment and resources for law enforcement agencies and \$7 million in approved economic development projects. It reduces health benefits for veterans and puts at risk healthcare for seniors and children with complex medical conditions.

The House majority has made northwest Indiana less safe, jeopardized our potential for economic growth and the ability to create more work and wealth, and put veteran healthcare and those veterans who were exposed to toxic burn pits, Agent Orange, and radiation at risk.

It is shameful that we have misled our local law enforcement agencies, local units of government, veterans, and seniors. I encourage my Senate colleagues to reject this harmful measure.

## HONORING HAZEL DUKES

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

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in honor of Dr. Hazel Dukes, a lifelong activist, a champion for civil rights, and the president of the NAACP New York State Conference.

Dr. Dukes' fierce commitment to fighting for equality and justice is simply unmatched. She was a trailblazer in New York State and across the country, a renowned community organizer, and a leading voice at the NAACP for nearly 40 years. She worked tirelessly for equity in housing, healthcare, and education.

I remember sitting next to Dr. Dukes at a long meeting where we were standing for hours, clapping and cheering. I was so tired and kept trying to sit down, but she reminded me that it was a privilege to be there, and I stood right back up.

Dr. Dukes' strength came from her compassion and love for our communities. The legacy that she leaves behind will inspire women, girls, and advocates across New York for generations to come.

It was an honor to have known Dr. Dukes. May she rest in power.

## ENSURING VETERANS HAVE ACCESS TO FOOD ASSISTANCE

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

Mrs. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of National Nutrition Month, I introduced the Feed Hungry Veterans Act, legislation to permanently remove barriers to SNAP often faced by veterans with work-limiting disabilities.

According to the 2023 RAND report, 1.4 million veterans are food insecure. That is in part because many disabled veterans do not meet all the qualifications for Federal nutrition programs like SNAP.

My legislation amends the definition of "elderly or disabled" for SNAP to include veterans with one service-connected disability rated at 60 percent or higher or two or more service-connected disabilities, at least one of which is rated 40 percent or higher.

With more than one third of disabled veterans in the United States facing food insecurity, we must do more to support those who have honorably served our Nation. The Feed Hungry Veterans Act is a critical step to ensuring veterans have long-term access to critical food assistance.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ONDER) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 11, 2025.

I hereby designate the period from Tuesday, March 11, 2025, through Sunday, March 23, 2025, as a "district work period" under clause 13 of Rule 1.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

## DATA IS THE SOLUTION

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. SCHWEIKERT of Arizona was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. FISCHBACH).

CONGRATULATING MOORHEAD SPUDS BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona, my fellow member of Ways and Means, for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Moorhead boys' hockey team on their first State championship, defeating Stillwater 7-6 at the Xcel Energy Center over the weekend. The 2A championship win was led by this year's Mr. Hockey, Mason Kraft.

The team dedicated the game to their teammate Ethan, who passed away unexpectedly last year at the age of 16. Holding up his jersey throughout the

game and bringing the jersey through the handshake line, the Moorhead Spuds have made their families, community, and the whole Seventh District proud. I congratulate the Spuds.

CONGRATULATING EAST GRAND FORKS ON HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the East Grand Forks boys' hockey team on their incredible Class 1A championship win.

With what sounded like the entire community of East Grand Forks in the stands, the team defeated Saint Cloud Cathedral 2-1 in overtime.

The East Grand Forks Green Wave has made their families, communities, and the entire Seventh District so very proud, and I am excited for them all to hoist that championship banner back at home.

CONGRATULATING WARROAD WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Warroad girls' hockey team, the Lady Warriors, on their 10-year streak as section champions.

These women, from a small town in northernmost Minnesota, are part of one of the best girls' hockey teams in the last 20 years. They have made their families and communities proud.

CONGRATULATING PRAISE LIVE ON 40 YEARS OF BROADCASTING

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Praise Live in Osakis, Minnesota, on 40 wonderful years of broadcasting.

For 40 years, Praise Live has been bringing hope and faith to people across central and western Minnesota. They have even partnered with stations in Ghana and Uganda and as far-reaching as war-torn Sudan to spread the Gospel and its message of encouragement, faith, and hope across Africa.

I thank Praise Live for connecting with, praying for, and strengthening the Christian communities they are committed to serving. I pray for a successful next 40 years.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I am going to try something this evening. The thesis I am going to try to sell tonight is that data is substantially a solution for us. What? I am going to walk through a number of things that just came out in the new Med Pack report. I have only just started reading it, but there are a couple of interesting things.

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I am going to try to walk through the reality of what drives debt and deficits like I do every week. I am going to try to walk folks through some of the actual math instead of some of the hysteria that is modern politics where we make crap up because we don't tell the total details, and let's see if we can actually make any progress here on sort of the intellectual capital of this place.

So just off the top of my head, Mr. Speaker, you have seen the stories of the butchering of Federal employees.