

in the hands of the people. It has been shown these mandates do not make things better; they are less efficient. Let industry and innovation catch up to make more efficient systems. The government can't do it.

CELEBRATING OSBOURN PARK HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Osbourn Park High School girls' basketball team's historic State championship victory.

The Yellow Jackets' swarming defense propelled them to a buzzing 27-3 season record and the first State championship in school history. Their championship win was a testament to hard work, determination, and overcoming a little bit of adversity, as well.

In fact, just before the game, Head Coach Chrissy Kelly broke her pinky toe. The flu swept through the team, keeping them away from practice. On the day of the championship, the team's bus accidentally traveled to the wrong arena. The Yellow Jackets persevered, and their victory is not just a win for the team but for our entire community.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations to our State champions, the Osbourn Park Yellow Jackets.

HONORING LOUDOUN COUNTY SCIENCE FAIR STUDENTS

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I am excited for the future after having the honor of meeting some incredibly driven individuals at a local science fair.

Every student who entered the science fair in Loudoun County was a winner, but seven students from Loudoun County Public Schools who participated in this regional fair earned the opportunity to compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Columbus, Ohio.

These students include Taha Rawjani, Sanjay Lakshmanan, and Matthew Li from Independence High School; Yash Sreepathi from Broad Run High School; Naija Shah and Nithya Vinodh from John Champe High School; and Naitik Oza from Freedom High School.

All the projects at the fair showed that the sky is the limit for our students as they address some of the world's most pressing challenges. For example, one project conducted groundbreaking research on limiting the spread of esophageal cancer using advanced molecular techniques, while another developed a model to identify potential treatments for pancreatic cancer.

All the young scientists and researchers who participated are paving the way for breakthroughs that can transform the world we live in for the better. Their dedication showcases the

promise of the next generation in tackling complex problems with creativity and determination.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the hard work of all the participants and wish them tremendous success, especially the ones who are moving on to the International Science and Engineering Fair.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CHANDRA SEKAR

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Chandra Sekar. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and cherished friend whose presence filled every life he touched with warmth and love.

Chandra built a beautiful life in Loudoun County with his wife, Vasanthi Sekar, and his kids, Ashwin and Santhosh. They were his greatest joy and pride.

Over Chandra's prestigious 30-year career, he rose from software engineer to leading cloud architect at Amazon and Microsoft.

His family said that Chandra's kindness was boundless and his spirit radiant. He had an extraordinary ability to make everyone feel seen, loved, and strong, whether through his smile or his endless compassion. His memory will leave a lasting impact on all who had the honor of knowing him.

Mr. Speaker, may he rest in peace.

HONORING JEKYLL ISLAND, GEORGIA

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jekyll Island, Georgia, for being home to two of the South's best beach bars as highlighted by "Southern Living." These beloved spots showcase Georgia's coastal charm, creating unforgettable experiences.

The Wharf is located on the historic Jekyll Pier with breathtaking marsh views. This institution offers a relaxed, open-air setting, welcoming everyone who enters. Known for serving fresh, Lowcountry seafood, classic burgers, and craft cocktails, this bar is a go-to for locals.

Tortuga Jacks is also recognized for being the only oceanfront, Tiki-style restaurant on the Georgia coastline. It brings a true island feeling to Jekyll with a laid-back, pet-friendly atmosphere. It specializes in Baha Mexican-style cuisine and often hosts live music.

These establishments highlight the essence of Jekyll Island with great food, lively entertainment, and a true coastal experience. I encourage everyone to stop by and enjoy what Jekyll Island has to offer.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF LYDIA THOMPSON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Lydia Thompson, a passionate conservationist, avid birder, and well-known artist, affectionately known as The Bird Lady.

Ms. Thompson was a passionate advocate for avian conservation, having traveled all 50 States in pursuit of her love for birding. She was also active in the Coastal Georgia Audubon Society, Georgia Shorebird Alliance, and the Georgia Coastal Artists Guild.

Ms. Thompson was dedicated to protecting shorebirds on both St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island. She founded Operation Plover Patrol to recruit, educate, train, and manage volunteers to monitor shorebirds in their nesting habitat.

In honor of Ms. Thompson, the Jekyll Island community installed two new spotting scopes behind the Jekyll Island Guest Information Center. Thanks to these new installments, Ms. Thompson's mission of appreciation, conservation, and education will continue to be part of the coastal salt marsh landscape she so dearly loved.

RECOGNIZING PORT OF BRUNSWICK

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Port of Brunswick as the busiest port in the Nation for heavy equipment and auto shipments.

Mr. Speaker, 2024 was a record year for the Port of Brunswick, handling more than 2 million tons of cargo, 600,000 tons of exports, and about 900,000 tons of roll-on, roll-off units of autos and heavy equipment.

New infrastructure and strengthened partnerships contributed to the port's significant growth in many areas including upgraded storage capacity to allow for 160 percent increase in heavy equipment shipping.

Georgia's ports promise auto manufacturers world-class service and long-term gains for their business.

In addition to the growth already recorded, the Port of Brunswick is continuing to make improvements to keep up with the rise in manufacturing and growing population including an upgraded shipping channel to prepare Brunswick to handle larger vessels.

The First District of Georgia is proud to be the home of the Nation's busiest port for heavy equipment and auto shipments, and I look forward to the continued excellence of the Port of Brunswick.

HONORING BRYNN GRANT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize Brynn Grant who recently was named Woman of the Year for Georgia by "USA Today."

As a child, Brynn watched her father being sworn into a State-appointed position by the late President Jimmy Carter, who was then Governor of Georgia. Brynn's career spans more than two decades at the Savannah Economic Development Authority, where she rose to the position of chief operating officer and vice president of the World Trade Center Savannah. She also served as president and CEO of the United Way of the Coastal Empire, guiding the organization through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the chief executive officer of the Liberty County Development Authority, Brynn highlights the link between social and economic issues, advocating for holistic community development. Brynn advocates for collaborative services, embodying the belief that real progress is achieved only when everyone benefits.

Brynn Grant's unwavering dedication and visionary leadership have deeply influenced the Coastal Georgia community, establishing a standard of excellence and compassion.

Congratulations to Brynn Grant. We are so proud of her.

ENHANCING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. LARSON of Connecticut was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to be here.

This morning, I rise to talk about social security, the Nation's number one antipoverty program for the elderly and the number one antipoverty program for children.

Mr. Speaker, I know it comes as no surprise to you that Social Security has not been enhanced since 1971. Richard Nixon was President of the United States then. Congress has done nothing to improve the situation of so many people who desperately need it.

There are more than 70 million Social Security recipients in the United States, and 10,000 baby boomers a day become eligible for Social Security. Yet, Elon Musk is setting about to dismantle the Social Security Administration by cutting regional offices. Whether it is Illinois or Connecticut, we need these regional offices.

He is cutting off the phone services, getting rid of the inspectors general, doing so to the program that is most effectively administrated in the Federal Government. No other agency, public or private, provides insurance for more than 70 million people with administrative costs that are under 1 percent. It delivers and has never missed a payment, not a pension payment, not a disability payment, not a spousal payment, not a dependent child payment.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, in your district you have approximately 180,000 Social Security recipients, 130,000-plus retirees, 21,000-plus disabled, 11,800 widows, 4,500 spouses, and over 10,000 children who rely on Social Security. Mr. Musk is out to dismantle and privatize this.

Some of the American people may have been born at night but not last night, with respect to what Mr. Musk and Mr. Trump are up to: On one hand, they say they will not cut social security. In the next breath, Larry Kudlow or CNN say, no, we have to privatize these systems because that is where we are going to find the \$2 trillion that Mr. Trump has asked us to find.

What a coincidence that in the Social Security trust fund, the trust fund that more than 180,000 people in your dis-

trict have paid into, is \$2.7 trillion, and has never missed a payment but hasn't been expanded since 1971.

Do you think those 10,000 baby boomers a day are going to call your office, my office, every Member of Congress' office? You bet they are, and they should because Congress has done nothing. In the face of this, Mr. Trump is now trying to privatize Social Security, first, by gutting it from the inside and not providing the services to the public that it desperately needs and then indicating this system doesn't work. So I guess we are going to have to grab that \$2.7 trillion and privatize that.

That will be a great benefit for the private sector. That would not help out the day-to-day workforce that relies on it and needs it and is depending on you, Mr. Speaker, and me and all the Members of this body. You owe it to your constituents to look them in the eye and tell them what your plan is. We have a plan to expand Social Security.

You imagine, there are 5 million Americans, mostly women, who get below-poverty-level checks from the wealthiest States in the Nation, having paid in with the guarantee and trust from their government that they would have a pension they could retire on. Instead, they get below-poverty-level checks because of Congress' inaction. Rise up America. Contact your Members of Congress.

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RECOGNIZING SALVATION ARMY OF HARRISONBURG AND ROCKINGHAM COUNTY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Salvation Army of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. For over 100 years, they have remained dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ while providing care and support to all those in need.

Just 60 years after the founding of the international movement known as the Salvation Army, the Salvation Army of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County was established on June 27, 1925.

Since its founding, the Salvation Army of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County has partnered with the local community to efficiently and effectively assist individuals and families facing poverty. It has made a positive difference in countless lives, offering a helping hand to those caught in difficult circumstances.

Today, the organization is faithfully led by Lieutenants Douglas and Sharon Ingold, who continue the mission of serving others with compassion and integrity.

The Salvation Army of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County holds its iconic Red Kettle Campaign every year to raise funds for the organization's

programs that benefit the local area. The organization remains steadfast in its commitment to offering programs and services to all those in need without discrimination.

I congratulate the Salvation Army of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County on doing the most good for 100 years.

CONGRATULATING ROANOKE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS EAGLES

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Roanoke Valley Christian Schools Eagles varsity boys' basketball team for winning the 2025 VACA State championship, securing back-to-back titles and etching their names into school history.

After graduating eight seniors last year, expectations were tempered, but led by returning seniors Logan Gutierrez, Luke Somers, Matthew Cummings, Christian Crosby, Ethan Cummings, and Cayden Wayne, along with new senior Colton Bowman, the Eagles rose to the challenge with grit and unity.

Logan and Luke each reached the 1,000-point milestone, while underclassmen like Jacob and Zach Mioduszewski, Landen Gutierrez, Jack Rakes, and Dallas Riles played vital roles in the team's depth and success. Eighth-grader Brayden Hawley rounded out the squad and made his mark, as well.

With Coach Josiah Somers at the helm and a foundation built on relentless defense and selfless play, the Eagles swept the Southwest District, South Region, and State titles.

Mr. Speaker, this team showed the heart of champions. I congratulate the RVCS Eagles.

Eagles soar.

DELIVERING ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PRIORITIES IN RECONCILIATION

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are delivering on the mandate the American people gave us last November. We passed a responsible budget resolution, and now we are moving forward with a strong reconciliation package that reflects President Trump's America First agenda.

The bill secures our southern border, keeps taxes low for working families and small businesses, strengthens our economy, protects Social Security, restores American energy leadership, supports our men and women in uniform, and brings much-needed accountability to Washington.

We have taken the lead in the House. Now it is time for the Senate to do the same. When they return to Washington, the Senators should take up the House resolution, move the bill forward, and send it to the President's desk.

The American people expect results. They want a government that works for them, not against them. With this legislation, we have the chance to make real, lasting change for the American people. Let's get it done.