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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.

PREVENT PRESIDENT TRUMP FROM INVADING OTHER COUNTRIES

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the No Invading Allies Act, a bill to prevent President Trump from invading Canada, Greenland, or Panama without a vote of Congress.

It is crazy that we even have to have this conversation. These places, these nations, are our allies. They pose no threat to the United States. After thousands of brave American soldiers fought in Iraq and Afghanistan, many losing their lives, their limbs, and their loved ones, the last thing the American people want is to send our troops to any new wars, especially against countries that pose no threat to our own.

Now President Trump will not stop talking about taking over Canada, Greenland, and Panama. He is obsessed.

Listen to me when I tell you that he is not joking. When he says he wants to take over Canada, Greenland, and Panama, he means it. He even said that we will "[expand] our territory" in his inaugural speech. When was the last time you heard a President say something like that?

The American people do not want to take over other countries. Nobody voted in the election to take over Canada or Greenland. The President never talked about that during his campaign.

No one was thinking about taking over Canada when they went to vote last November. No. The American people want lower costs, safe streets, and peace. The last thing Americans want is unnecessary war. We cannot trust Donald Trump to keep us out of one.

That is why I am introducing a new bill, the No Invading Allies Act, to prevent the President from sending the Armed Forces to invade Canada, Panama, or Greenland without a vote of Congress.

Our country's Founders feared the possibility of a President engaging in unnecessary wars. In Article I of the Constitution, the Founders gave Congress, not the President, the power to declare war. Congress later passed the War Powers Resolution of 1973, which allows Presidents to engage in military action for up to 60 days without a vote of Congress, but Donald Trump's reckless threats to take over peaceful nations means that he cannot be trusted with this unchecked power.

Congress must reassert our role under the Constitution by passing this bill. With this bill, we send a message to our allies and adversaries alike that the United States does not support the illegal seizure of sovereign territory. Most importantly, we say to American troops and their families that they will not be sent into more unnecessary wars, not on our watch.

I urge my colleagues, whether you believe the President is serious about

wanting to take over other countries or not, whether you take him at his word or not, whether you think he might involve us in unnecessary wars of conflict or not, let's not leave it up to chance.

The decision of whether to make war is perhaps the most important responsibility Congress has under the Constitution. Let's not surrender our responsibility to a President who speaks so casually about taking over other nations. Our men and women in uniform deserve better than that, and our country deserves better than that.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 52 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of all creation, we lift up our eyes to the hills from whence our help does indeed come. You, O Lord, maker of Heaven and Earth who directs the stars in the sky and orders the change of the seasons, call us to behold with eyes of faith that winter is over.

As flowers appear on the Earth, let us sing for joy in the mastery of Your design, for You make all things new.

Make a way in the desert of despair, through the wilderness of worry. Bring forth streams of living water in the wastelands of unease. Quench the barrenness of our souls with the hope of Your salvation.

Then enable us to set aside the former things that hold us to our past. Open our eyes to perceive the new things You are doing in our lives, even as You cause the beginning of life springing up around us.

It is in Your eternal name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms.

ROSS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROSS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

MORE MONEY DOESN'T BRING BETTER RESULTS

(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, for decades, Washington has poured trillions of dollars into the education system of America with actually very little to show for it.

Since the Department of Education was created by Jimmy Carter in 1979, it has spent over \$3 trillion, yet student achievement hasn't actually improved. It has only gone down in that time.

After Federal taxpayers spent another \$200 billion on education during the COVID era, all we have to show for it is math and reading scores that are at the lowest levels in decades. Per-pupil spending has skyrocketed by 245 percent since the 1970s, proving more money doesn't always achieve better results.

The Federal Government has only added red tape, forcing schools to waste time and resources on compliance instead of teaching. I am married to a teacher who, at the time, was frustrated by additional requirements that were coming down on trying to do her job.

The Biden administration alone added nearly \$3.9 billion in regulatory costs and millions of hours of paperwork and funneled over \$1 billion into grants pushing radical ideologies instead of core academics.

President Trump's executive order directing the closure of the Department of Education returns control over education to the States, parents, and local leaders. Instead of Washington bureaucrats trying to dictate how kids learn, we should have those decisions be made locally. This shift will cut waste and eliminate overreach.

EXPRESSING CONCERN REGARDING JOB CUTS

(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, I am deeply concerned about the Trump administration's act to fire more than 1,000 EPA scientific researchers who have