

issue rulings that have a nationwide, positive effect on communities.

Mr. Speaker, there has been a long-standing tradition of unrepresented communities resorting to the judicial system when all else has failed. When all else has failed, communities go to the court to get relief. When it has been extremely hard to fight against larger, richer, and more powerful entities and to hold them accountable, communities go to the courts.

Rulings like *Brown v. Board of Education*, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, and *Roe v. Wade* have been instrumental in ensuring that all communities have equality and protection under the law.

Mr. Speaker, these are dangerous times. The chapters of history have told us time and time again that when fascism sticks its ugly head out the window, it is the courts that they go after so that it will prevent common folks from entering that institution and getting relief and justice.

We must fight to stop the administration's attack. To not do so would mean to damage the balance of power and to permanently fracture our democracy.

#### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize April as National Volunteer Month.

Volunteering is more than an act of service. It is a testament to the power of community, kindness, and shared responsibility. Across our Nation, volunteers serve in countless ways: mentoring young people, supporting food banks, rebuilding homes after natural disasters, and lending a hand to those in need.

Their work is not just about addressing immediate challenges but about creating lasting change and hope.

As co-chair of the Congressional Service Organization Caucus, it is a privilege to celebrate National Volunteer Month, recognizing and honoring the millions of individuals who dedicate their time and talents to making our communities stronger, more resilient, and more compassionate.

When we give our time and our efforts to others, we foster a sense of unity and purpose. We bridge divides, strengthen neighborhoods, and inspire future generations to embrace the spirit of service.

From local charities to national organizations, volunteers are the heartbeat of our communities, demonstrating that even small acts of kindness can have a profound impact, making a lasting difference in the world. Throughout my district, there are many great volunteers.

From Penn State THON raising a record-breaking \$17 million this year alone to aid families affected by childhood cancer to the Wellsboro Rotary Club, which just celebrated its centen-

nial year of service, our communities are filled with neighbors helping neighbors.

These few examples remind us that acts of service have a profound impact, strengthening the fabric of our society and inspiring others to step forward.

Volunteering doesn't just help those whom we serve, it enriches our own lives. Studies show that service fosters personal growth, reduces stress, and even enhances our overall well-being. Beyond the data, we know firsthand that giving back fills our hearts with meaning and our communities with hope.

Mr. Speaker, as we observe National Volunteer Month, I encourage each of us to find new ways to give back.

Whether through a local nonprofit, a school, a faith-based group, or a simple act of kindness in our daily lives, we all have something valuable to contribute. Let us celebrate those who give their time and let us recommit to the values of service and generosity.

Together, through volunteering, we can build a better, stronger, and more connected world.

#### DACA AND THE AMERICAN DREAM

(Mr. CORREA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Victoria Rosas, a DACA recipient in my home county, Orange County. Victoria was raised in Fullerton, California, and thanks to her DACA status, she was able to pursue her passion for healthcare and helping others.

Today, Victoria is a nurse, and in her spare time, she has written a book and founded a non-profit group called Empower Moms California.

Victoria's journey is an example of the important contributions DACA recipients make to this great country and why we need to protect them from deportation.

#### RECOGNIZING CARLO GARCIA

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carlo Garcia, a DACA recipient in our community and to tell you little bit of his great story.

Carlo was brought to the United States as a child. In his early life, even then he knew he would have to fight and work hard to achieve the American Dream. He worked as a janitor to help to support his mother and his young siblings while he continued to work to make sure he pursued the American Dream.

Carlo is a first-generation college graduate and has begun his career as a financial auditor, and recently he earned his CPA license just this past November. Now he is even closer than ever to achieving the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Carlo.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. GLORIA ITZEL MONTIEL

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Gloria Itzel Montiel, a DACA recipient, for her

achievements and contributions to our great country.

Dr. Montiel received her DACA status after arriving in the United States at the age of 8 years old. She excelled academically. She then studied at Harvard University and then earned her Ph.D. from the Claremont Graduate University.

Dr. Montiel has dedicated her professional career to public health and education programming. Today, Dr. Montiel is a faculty fellow at Claremont Graduate University.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Montiel for her dedication to our community.

#### CELEBRATING CRISTINA PRADA

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Orange County's grandmother, Cristina Prada, who is 94 years old.

Cristina's story is a very familiar story to us in Orange County. She came from Colombia in 1973 and worked at two or three jobs at the same time to make ends meet. She worked as a housekeeper at a nearby resort and cleaned houses for wealthy movie stars.

Cristina began to build her American Dream and watched her family grow even as she battled cancer numerous times in her life. At 94 years old, she has beaten the odds and has proven the doctors wrong. She continues to lead.

Cristina just celebrated her 94th birthday in the United States, and her story is a story of the American Dream. We are blessed to have her as part of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Cristina for the way in which she inspires us.

#### RECOGNIZING DAVID CAMHI

(Mr. NORMAN of South Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional public servant, David Camhi, whose unwavering dedication to law enforcement and public safety has made an everlasting impact on his community.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Camhi has exemplified the highest standards of service, of leadership, and of integrity.

For over 15 years, Mr. Camhi has served with distinction in the New York Police Department. His leadership, his commitment, and his generosity have been nothing short of extraordinary. He has led complex criminal investigations and tactical operations with unparalleled precision and excellence. His expertise spans critical areas such as counter-terrorism, crisis management, and investigations, ensuring the safety of New York City and its residents, this, in spite of the political winds in New York which have favored the criminal instead of favoring the victim.

From his roles as special operations sergeant and platoon commander to integrity control officer, Mr. Camhi has continuously demonstrated the core

mission of the New York City Police Department: to enhance the quality of life in New York City by working in partnership with the community to enforce the law, preserve peace, protect the people, reduce fear, and maintain order.

In every position that he has held, he has embodied the values of public service and law enforcement with passion, professionalism, and courage.

Before his career in law enforcement, Mr. Camhi began his public service journey as a chief of staff for the New York State Assembly. In that capacity, he gained invaluable experience in legislative affairs and policy development, providing him with a unique perspective on bridging the gap between law enforcement operations and public policy. This foundation has allowed him to create a more comprehensive approach to community safety and to fostering collaboration among Federal, State, and local agencies.

Currently, as the commanding officer of the New York Police Department's Detective Bureau Tactical Training Unit, Mr. Camhi plays a vital role in preparing law enforcement officers for the challenges they face. Under his leadership, the unit provides essential tactical investigative training to detective bureau personnel, to special operations units, to military units, and to law enforcement officers at every level, Federal, State, and local.

Beyond his operational leadership, Mr. Camhi has proven to be a respected mentor and instructor, shaping the next generation of law enforcement professionals. His commitment to training ensures that officers are not only ready for the dangers they face but are also guided by the highest ethical standards as they serve their communities.

Through all his professional accomplishments, Mr. Camhi holds one thing above all: his family. He remains a devoted son, a devoted husband, and a devoted father, which is a testament to the values that guide his work and his life. Despite the demands of his career, he was always present, especially for his son, Sam, making sure that he always had his dad at every important moment. His dedication was not just to his job, but to his family.

I would also add that David's father was in law enforcement for a number of years, and when 9/11 occurred, guess who was first to volunteer his time to risk his health to go help clean up the damages of 9/11?

On behalf of the American people, I extend my deepest appreciation for his tireless efforts and exemplary service. May his leadership and dedication continue to inspire others for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for David Camhi.

## PRESIDENT TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

(Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak against the administration's immigration enforcement policies.

For months the President and House Republicans have said that they are only targeting violent criminals.

Why is it, then, that last week ICE attempted to deport a constituent of mine who had been granted legal protections against removal under the Convention Against Torture?

This woman, the victim of unspeakable crimes in her home country, came here to the United States for her safety which is now being undermined by this administration.

Mr. Speaker, imagine being a United States citizen and the horror you would feel when your family member, again, someone who had been granted legal protection, is taken in the middle of the night and driven to Mexico, a country to which she has no ties.

How is this making our country safer?

How is this upholding the ideals of our Nation?

Mr. Speaker, when this administration talks about mass deportations, this is what they mean: taking people in the middle of the night who have a right to be here and trying to remove them to foreign countries.

My office is doing everything we can to help this woman and her family, but it begs the question: If this is how the administration treats someone with an attorney and the support of a Member of Congress, what does that mean for all those who don't have anyone fighting for them? Who is speaking up for them? If we say nothing, then what does that say about us?

This can't be what we stand for as a country. As a grandson of immigrants and the Representative of a proud immigrant community, it is something that I will always fight against.

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## GOP ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE SEPARATION OF POWERS

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks, the Trump administration and House Republicans have set their sights on the Federal judiciary, calling for unprecedented changes to our courts, attacking the character of dedicated Federal judges, and attempting to undermine the separation of powers that has upheld our democracy for centuries.

As an attorney by trade, I understand how concerning this is for our Nation's future. In this moment, we cannot be silent nor treat these attacks as normal.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read excerpts from the American Bar Association's statement on the Republican assault on our judiciary into the record.

"There have now been statements by officials criticizing judges for not fol-

lowing the last people. Judges swear oaths to follow the law, not public opinion polling or political chatter or what someone contends is the will of the people. The Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court wrote in his '2024 Year End Report on the Federal Judiciary': '... Attempts to intimidate judges for their rulings in cases are inappropriate and should be vigorously opposed.'

"We may disagree with interpretation of case law, but it is unacceptable to personally target judges just because we disagree with their ruling. We cannot have a judicial system where the government seeks to remove judges simply because they do not rule as the government desires. Considering the increasing physical threats to judges, these are clearly efforts to intimidate judges and our courts."

"We reject efforts to undermine the courts and the profession. We will not stay silent in the face of efforts to remake the legal profession into something that rewards those who agree with the government and punishes those who do not. Words and actions matter. And the intimidating words and actions we have heard must end."

"Consistent with the Chief Justice's report, these efforts cannot be sanctioned or normalized. There are clear choices facing our profession. We can choose to remain silent and allow these acts to continue or we can stand for the rule of law and values we hold dear. We call upon the entire profession, including lawyers who serve in elected positions, to speak out against intimidation. We acknowledge that there are risks to standing up and addressing these important issues. But if the ABA and lawyers do not speak, who will speak for the organized bar? Who will speak for the judiciary? Who will protect our system of justice? If we don't speak now, when will we speak?"

"The American Bar Association has chosen to stand and speak. Now is the time for all of us to speak with one voice. We invite you to stand with us."

## CONGRATULATING MARY GISLASON

(Mrs. FISCHBACH of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mary Gislason on 43 years of service to the people of Lyon County.

As a dispatcher for the sheriff's office, Mary provided crucial support, connecting those in need with emergency responders. Mary's colleagues praised her ability to remain calm despite the severity and stress of the job.

After 43 years of serving the people, some of them on the worst day of their lives, and being a lifeline to those in the field, I congratulate Mary on a well-deserved retirement. I wish her the best as she begins the next chapter of her life.