

longer serve. I met with medical researchers whose work fighting cancer and pandemics had been abandoned by this White House.

I heard from veterans stunned that they had been fired for no reason and volunteer firefighters who had lost FEMA funding. I heard from a dry cleaner terrified that her family would be deported, even though they have no criminal records and are legally in this country.

I also heard from mental health specialists fighting opioid and fentanyl addiction, whose funding was canceled.

My question for House Republicans is: What does it take to get them to stand up for Americans?

Mr. Speaker, I yield my time but not my outrage.

#### HONORING JOSHUA KING

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of my friend, Joshua King, of Weatherford, Texas.

Joshua was a man of strong faith, a dedicated Texas patriot, and a loving family man. Spiritually and physically, he embodied what it means to be a good husband, father, and son. He was a giver who spent his time and energy making the world a better place.

Throughout his battle with cancer, he stayed faithful to God and always trusted in the Lord. No matter the situation, he always managed to see the good in life and to see the good in people.

He loved baseball and the Texas Rangers, the outdoors, and cherished spending time with loved ones. Josh will be remembered for his strength, his courage, selflessness, and faithfulness. He touched people he never knew he touched.

My prayers are with his family, who are my dear friends, and all their friends during this difficult time.

In God we trust.

#### CONGRATULATING SUPERCROSS RIDER AARON PLESSINGER

(Mr. LUTTRELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Monster Energy American Motocross professional supercross racer Aaron Plessinger on his remarkable victory and his second career win under what many are calling the worst conditions in track history this year.

This wasn't just a race. It was a test of endurance, resilience, and unwavering determination. In the face of deep ruts, relentless mud, and brutal terrain, Mr. Plessinger, "The Cowboy," displayed not only exceptional athleticism but also the kind of mental toughness that defines true champions.

His performance serves as an inspiration not only to inspiring athletes but

to Americans who know the success that often comes when the odds are stacked against them.

We salute Aaron's grit, his perseverance, and his example, and we congratulate him on a well-earned victory.

#### CONGRATULATING NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, the State of Florida is teeming with champions. I rise today to proudly congratulate Nova Southeastern University on winning the 2025 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship.

The NSU Sharks, based in Davie, in my congressional district, have made our entire State proud. With a thrilling 74-73 victory over California State University, Dominguez Hills, they capped off a dominant 36-1 season to bring home their second national title in just 3 years. This is such an accomplishment.

Led by Head Coach Jim Crutchfield and tournament MVP MJ Iraldi, these Sharks showed grit, determination, and the excellence that defines Florida's student athletes. Their 23-game winning streak to close the season is nothing short of extraordinary.

These student athletes represent the very best of south Florida excellence, pride, and heart. Their dedication, both on the court and in the classroom, is an inspiration to us all.

We congratulate President Moon, the coaching staff, the students, and alumni. We thank them for bringing another national championship back home to the Sunshine State.

Go Sharks.

#### RECOGNIZING SORREN MORELLI

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the musical talents of Sorren Morelli. Sorren, a Brookville Area High School junior, has once again earned the prestigious opportunity to perform with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

The Student Side-By-Side program is highly competitive, selecting only the most dedicated and talented student musicians from across the region. Sorren's invitation back for a second year is a testament to his exceptional talent on the violin and unwavering commitment to his craft.

This opportunity is more than just a performance. It is a glimpse into the life of a professional musician. Over 8 weeks, Sorren rehearsed and performed with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, gaining valuable experience. This, no doubt, will shape his bright future in music education and conducting.

Through his dedication to the Brookfield orchestra, the PMEA festivals, and the Venango Symphony, Sorren has set an example of what passion, discipline, and perseverance can achieve.

We congratulate Sorren on this proud accomplishment, and we look forward to everything his future holds.

#### RECOGNIZING PAIGE BUECKERS

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

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paige Bueckers for her accomplishments in women's basketball and for leading the University of Connecticut women's basketball team to victory in the NCAA championship.

Paige Bueckers graduated from Hopkins High School in 2020. From an early age, she was known across Minnesota for her stellar basketball skills and her outstanding character.

Paige's excellence led her to the University of Connecticut where she was a dominant force in NCAA Division I basketball. Over her career, she amassed many prestigious awards including the ESPY's Best Female College Athlete and was selected as a first team All-American three times.

Winning the NCAA championship with UConn is a testament to her talent, resilience, and leadership on and off the court. Paige's teammates and coaches have praised her for her mentality of putting her team first and for her dedication to their sport.

Paige serves as an inspiration and role model for athletes across the country. Along with the entire State of Minnesota, I am incredibly proud of her and her accomplishments. We will cheer her on as she enters the 2025 WNBA draft, and we can't wait to see what is next for the remarkable Paige Bueckers.

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#### JUDICIAL ACTIVISM

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, since President Donald Trump achieved a mandate from the American people, leftist judges have imposed multiple nationwide injunctions against his administration exceeding their realm of power. Judges should not have the authority to unilaterally issue warnings that affect the entire Nation.

Today, House Republicans will vote on the No Rogue Rulings Act introduced by Congressman DARRELL ISSA. This will put a stop to the dangerous judicial activism that is prohibiting President Trump from implementing his agenda for American families and for national security.

This act will prevent partisan judges from abusing the Constitution and will uphold the system of checks and balances as stated in their granted authority.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent, as warned by the FBI. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

#### MODERNIZING OUR ECONOMIC THEORIES

(Mr. KHANNA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, the stock market is decimated, almost 20 percent down, entering bear territory. At the same time, bond yields are skyrocketing, meaning ordinary Americans are going to have higher interest rates on their credit cards and their mortgages. It means we are going to have to pay more on our debt.

At the same time, the dollar is declining and prices are going up, meaning it is going to be harder to afford groceries.

Mr. Speaker, these are the most self-destructive, wealth-destroying policies any administration has undertaken in modern American history. They have tariffs at 1909 levels at 22.5 percent, making a global trade war. Businesses have lost confidence.

There is only one way out. We need a reset of this President's economic team. Howard Lutnick was talking about building more screws in America, as if we were living in the 19th century. He needs to go.

We need new economic thinkers with this President who actually understand how the economy works and can turn things around.

#### CONGRESS SUPPORTS NORTHERN MICHIGAN AND THE UPPER PENINSULA

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

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank the courageous men and women responding to the historic ice storm that left tens of thousands without power across northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Ten counties are under a state of emergency, and our grid suffered near total collapse under nearly 1 inch of ice.

In the face of these challenges, linemen from Michigan and across the country have worked tirelessly in brutal conditions to restore power. This past weekend, I was able to meet with many of our first responders: police, firefighters, dispatchers, and emergency medical teams. They all answered the call, keeping our communities safe and our roads open. Their

bravery, professionalism, and dedication embody the spirit of resilience and unity that defines northern Michigan.

The determination of all those affected has not gone unnoticed. My colleagues and I stand ready to support the State's request for Federal assistance.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking these everyday heroes who rose to the challenge helping us rebuild, recover, and emerge stronger.

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, President Gerald Ford had a vision. He signed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to protect the most vulnerable amongst us: special needs kids.

One of the most cruel things I have seen in my time in Congress and with this administration is the attack on the public servants who promote and have never had the resources to really protect special needs kids.

This President has cut public servants at the Department of Education. Mr. Speaker, 1,315 workers were fired, 572 accepted voluntary separation packages, and 63 probationary workers were terminated. Programs for students with disabilities were moved to the Department of Health and Human Services where 20,000 public servants were cut in January.

There are approximately 7.5 million special needs kids in this country protected by IDEA in the Department of Education. They rely on the public servants who were just fired and eliminated.

The number of students served by IDEA has grown by over 1 million in the last decade. The administration has gutted the Office of Civil Rights which protects these students with disabilities from discrimination. This is outrageous.

#### HONORING SIERRA PACIFIC GIRLS' BASKETBALL

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

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the Sierra Pacific girls' basketball team for their incredible 2025 season.

Last month, the Lady Bears won the CIF Central Section Division II championship. This was the highest CIF Central Division a team has won in Sierra Pacific High School history and the highest division a team has ever competed in.

These athletes showed grit, heart, and determination all season long. Their championship win isn't just a testament to their talent but also their discipline.

Wins like this don't just happen. They are earned through constant

practice, tough losses, and in never giving up on one another.

They worked hard and trained all year for this, and I am honored to stand here today to celebrate them.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the players, coaches, and families. They have made us all in the Central Valley very proud.

#### SEYMOUR JOHNSON DECORATION CEREMONY

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the heroes of the 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Air Combat Command General Ken Wilsbach awarded 31 incredible and amazing airmen from the 4th Fighter Wing high-level decorations.

The ceremony recognized the airmen for their rapid response and performance in the largest air-to-air engagement in over 50 years.

When faced with unprecedented threats, courage and bravery surged to the forefront. Our servicemembers defended U.S. coalition partners, including Israel, embodying the true essence of service.

These airmen, receiving well-deserved decorations, surrounded by their family and friends, have rightfully earned our Nation's gratitude.

Right here is what American heroes look like, and I am so proud of each and every one of them.

#### CONGRATULATING FLORIDA'S EIGHTH DISTRICT'S STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize the achievements of several students from my district who accepted their appointment to the service academies.

These students demonstrate not just academic achievement but also strong devotion to our country. Young students like these will become our Nation's leaders in the future.

It was my honor to call these students this weekend to congratulate them on this true accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Libby Russell and Zanna Paraskevas, who were accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

I congratulate Savion Kirby, Natalie Doig, Audrey Ponton, and Maximilian Perez, who were accepted into the United States Air Force Academy.

I congratulate Victoria Nelson, who was accepted into the United States Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent each one of them in the United States House of Representatives.