

yesterday reasserting that critical authority.

Even a few brave Republicans are willing to stand up to President Trump and their own party on this critical issue. Sadly, Speaker JOHNSON decided to go a different direction. He tucked language into a procedural vote that bans these Republican and Democratic resolutions from coming to the floor for a vote—not even a vote. He is trying to avoid Republicans going on record against supporting Trump's chaos because he knows the American people are sick and tired of this.

Enough is enough, Mr. Speaker.

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HONORING CAREER AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF DEB DELUCA

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Deb DeLuca for her dedicated service as executive director of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority. Deb is currently the eighth director in Port Authority history and is the first woman to hold this title.

Since 2018, Deb has seamlessly overseen the largest freshwater port in the world. This has been no small feat, as the Port of Duluth-Superior welcomes 900 vessels each year and on average handles 35 million tons of cargo.

With Deb at the helm, the Port Authority has achieved many successes. Under her leadership, more than \$35 million in port-related projects have been initiated, and freight transport efficiency and capacity has increased.

I have worked closely with Deb since my arrival in Congress in 2019. I have always enjoyed working with her, and I appreciate her partnership and guidance over the years. The Port of Duluth-Superior and the surrounding communities are better off because of her leadership and expertise.

I wish Deb a happy and restful retirement.

PROTECT HEAD START

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

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, across the country, Head Start lives up to its name. It provides quality early childhood education so that working-class families can get ahead. However, right now, Head Start is under attack from Donald Trump and Republicans in this Chamber. They froze program funds, closed regional offices, and forced mass layoffs of those who administer Head Start. Worse still, Republican budget proposals open the door to hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts to Head Start.

Recently, I visited a Head Start provider in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, to hear from those who rely on the great

program. I met with Savanna, who told me that Head Start is how she provided her children with safety, stability, and education after years of struggling. Head Start helps families like Savanna's break the cycle of trauma, fostering resilience and creating lasting change.

Mr. Speaker, let's choose a better path for our vulnerable neighbors. Let's protect Head Start.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL EXPLORERS

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

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my high school alma mater, the Christopher Columbus Explorers, for winning the national basketball championship.

After securing their fourth consecutive State championship in Florida's Class 7A, the Explorers made school history by capturing their first national title and county history as the only Miami-Dade County high school to ever win a national basketball title.

These young men have demonstrated relentless dedication and perseverance throughout the season. I am proud to see that their hard work and commitment was rewarded. I extend my congratulations to Coach Andrew Moran, his staff, and the entire team on this remarkable accomplishment.

Through unity, tradition, and excellence they have cemented their place in Columbus and Miami-Dade County history. "Forward"; "Adelante."

HONORING FRANCIE PEPPER

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable human being, a dear friend, Francie Pepper. Francie, at her core, was a mom and a grandmother but also an advocate, a philanthropist, and a champion for women and children.

Francie led enormous change for survivors of domestic violence. It is just one of many examples of the impact she had, but a critical one. She never stopped fighting for what she knew was right.

Her home in Cincinnati was a place for community and community change. She built coalitions and inspired generations of public servants, including me.

Francie wasn't just a leader. She was a force. I am who I am in part because of her. That is true for so many of us. We are the beneficiaries of her grit and her toughness and her love.

HONORING REMARKABLE HEROISM OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable heroism of the 1st Marine Division of the United States Marine Corps and their actions during the Battle of Okinawa. One of those heroes was my father, who was a corporal, who is pictured here beside me.

April 1st marks the 80th anniversary of the start of the brutal Battle of Okinawa which began on Easter Sunday in the Pacific. The battle was the final and critical push to free Asia from the grip of evil.

The 1st Marine Division was tasked with clearing the northern half of Okinawa, accomplishing this mission swiftly. When reassigned to take the other half of the island, they faced fierce resistance from the Japanese, fighting in key locations like Sugarloaf Hill and Shuri Castle. At the base of Shuri Castle right there is where my dad is pictured.

While my father was fortunate enough to survive and return home to a grateful nation, his division endured unimaginable losses with 1,655 men killed in action. Their sacrifice is a solemn reminder of the bravery, sacrifice, and unbreakable spirit not only of the Marine Corps but of the Greatest Generation. We just don't know the sacrifices they made, Mr. Speaker.

MOURNING DEVASTATING TRAGEDY IN SANTO DOMINGO

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise on the floor today as people across the Dominican diaspora are united in solidarity to mourn the devastating tragedy in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Following the collapse of a roof at a nightclub, 124 individuals lost their lives and 150 are injured, and many are still missing. I express my deepest condolences to the families of each of the victims and embrace them during this time of hurt. We stand in solidarity with all of those who have been affected by this heartbreaking event. Their pain is our pain, and their grief is felt by all who hear them. In this moment of profound sorrow, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families.

"May peace be with the lost souls of this tragedy, and may their loved ones forever cherish the memories they have of each of them." "Estamos con ustedes, nuestras oraciones estan en nuestros corazones con ustedes. Dios les bendiga."

ELON MUSK'S LACK OF EMPATHY

(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, Elon Musk said recently in a Joe Rogan podcast: "The fundamental weakness of Western civilization is empathy." He further said that empathy has been "weaponized."

This is consistent with his statement that Social Security is a Ponzi scheme, not the program that has saved the lives and the livelihood of countless Americans. This is the philosophy of the world's richest man, Elon Musk.

Let me contrast that philosophy with that which was expressed in Matthew 25:

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you took me in, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you ministered to me, I was in prison, and you visited me.

"Then the righteous will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick or in prison?' And he will answer, 'When you did this for the least of my brothers, you did it for me.'"

Empathy: Not the weakness of Western civilization; the bedrock of Western civilization.

PERVERSE INCENTIVES OF OUR WELFARE STATE

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I will point out one more time the perverse incentives of our welfare state.

I will just mention one type right now: Section 42, low-income housing. Section 42 low-income housing is very generous to property developers, who wind up only having to pay for 30 percent of the cost of their housing.

Worse, because it is new housing, I had a staffer looking for a new apartment building with her new husband, and they found out the best apartments in town were the low-income housing.

In order to be eligible for low-income housing, you almost certainly can't be married. In order to be eligible, you can't be working very hard.

I think this body ought to get out of the business of encouraging people not to work hard, and they especially ought to get out of the business of discriminating against people who are married with children. I sure hope that this body, when we finally deal with the reconciliation bill, gets rid of these perverse antimarriage incentives.

MAUI DISLOCATED WORKERS PROGRAM

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the workers and families of Maui, still recovering from the

devastating wildfires of 2023. Displaced workers continue to drive Maui's recovery, rebuilding homes, clearing debris, restoring infrastructure, and supporting their communities.

The National Dislocated Worker Grant has been vital in funding such disaster recovery work and providing job training, temporary employment, and career services to wildfire survivors.

I am grateful to the Department of Labor for awarding Hawaii \$2.5 million in dislocated worker grant funding. While this is a step in the right direction, the livelihoods of displaced workers, the health of our local economy, and the long-term trajectory of Maui's recovery remain in the balance.

We must continue working to secure all remaining dislocated worker funds available—\$8 million—to ensure the program continues through September 2025. We can and must give our local workers this certainty during an uncertain time. Without these funds, we risk losing momentum in the recovery and leaving workers without crucial support.

Maui's recovery is not just a priority. It is a promise to those who have lost so much. I will keep fighting to ensure that promise is kept.

TRUMP'S ATTACKS ON BLACK HISTORY

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in vigorous opposition to occupant Trump's hostile attacks, hostile and insecure attacks on Black history. Black history is American history.

Dictators try to shutter museums, censor history, and whitewash the truth, but we know the truth. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that centuries of bondage and enslavement brutalized Black bodies and tore apart Black families, that Black women have been the mothers of movements, that Black folks have endured redlining and pay disparities, and yet, still, we rise.

Black brilliance exists in every corner of this Nation, from the stage to the court to the classroom to the Halls of Congress. I want every single person, certainly every single child who calls this Nation home, to walk into our Smithsonian museums including our beautiful Blacksonian and see our collective history, accurate history on full display.

I want them to see themselves in our struggles and our triumphs. I want them to be inspired by the lyrics of Etta and the speeches of Malcolm, and the leadership of Fannie Lou.

It is by studying our history we learn how to overcome the systems of oppression, the reckless whims of petulant men thirsty for power, and the will of dictators. My Blackness is beautiful, and Black history is American history.

TARIFFS ARE TAXES

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the United States has not had a trade surplus in over half a century. Trade deficits translate into lost jobs and lost wealth for the American people. Balancing U.S. trade accounts is an imperative and a worthy objective, but Trump administration tariffs on the American people's purchases are taxes that cost them more money on everything, a lot more: a lot more for food, for gas, for building materials, for cars, for trucks, for everything.

Today, after the market bled off nearly \$10 trillion in lost U.S. wealth last week, the President adjusted some tariffs, but nothing he did is reshoring American reinvestment here in our country. Our Nation imports three-quarters of our fruits and vegetables. We need agricultural reinvestment here in the good old USA.

NAFTA caused the cataclysmic outsourcing of U.S. manufacturing in autos and trucks. The President should focus on incentives to reshore U.S. production, not build more barriers.

Focus on free trade among free people. Help us with our best trade ally, Canada, especially those of us who live in the north. We believe in our fair trade partners around the world. Build on success. The American people need economic growth, not any more tourniquets around their necks because of tariffs.

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URGING ACTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to take action to protect Social Security from defunding by the administration.

For me, for my colleagues, and for many Americans, we see Social Security as not just a program but as a lifeline for millions of hardworking Americans, including the more than 136,000 Social Security recipients in my 6th District of Maryland alone.

It is a promise made to every worker who contributes a portion of their hard-earned paycheck to the system throughout their career. It is not an entitlement. It is an earned benefit. For many, Social Security is the primary source of income and retirement, lifting millions out of poverty and assuring they have a dignified life after a lifetime of hard work.

Under this administration, the Social Security Administration is crumbling. Reports released last week showed that deep staffing cuts, indiscriminate cost-cutting measures, and a focus on eliminating supposed fraud have crippled