

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Sal-lie B. Howard School.

HONORING RYAN GRIFFIN

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

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ryan Griffin, a devoted father, community leader, and accomplished professional who left an indelible mark on lower Mississippi and beyond.

Ryan was a man of service, whether through his career in journalism or communications, his leadership in civic organizations like Kiwanis and the United Way, or his unwavering dedication to his hometown.

From the football field at West Jones High School to the halls of the University of Southern Mississippi, Ryan exemplified leadership, integrity, and a passion for bringing people together.

Above all, Ryan's love for his family, his faith, and his community defined his life. His impact will be felt for generations to come.

My prayers are with his children, his loved ones, and all who had the privilege of calling him a friend.

Mr. Speaker, may we honor his legacy and continue his commitment to service and kindness.

REMEMBERING JACK FITZGERALD

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

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember my beloved friend and Montgomery County legend, Jack Fitzgerald, who passed away this week at the age of 89. He will be sharply missed by friends, family, and customers of the Fitzgerald Auto Malls up and down the East Coast.

Jack's life embodied the restless, adventuresome spirit of America and entrepreneurial business at their very best. Over the course of his extraordinary life, he built Bethesda Auto from a single storefront in the early 1950s into a massive success, with dealerships across Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

An old-fashioned businessman devoted to the community, he was an eloquent champion of customer safety, consumer protection, and employee well-being. He pioneered the installation of child safety seats before it became an industry standard.

Jack was friends not just with CEOs of auto companies but with Ralph Nader.

Remarkably, Jack transferred his company to employee stock ownership over the last year before his death. His legacy now lives on in his employees and in everybody in Montgomery County, Maryland, who loved him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting the life of Jack Fitzgerald, who was a pillar of our community and a local hero. May his memory be a blessing.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LORI FRAZIER BEARDEN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lori Frazier Bearden, a resident of Savannah, Georgia, who will serve as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, ETA, at the United States Department of Labor.

Ms. Bearden earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Columbus State University in Georgia and her master's degree in public administration from Auburn University.

In this role, Ms. Bearden will assist Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer in executing President Donald Trump's mission of prioritizing American workers, veterans, and retirees.

She will work to advance the ETA's mission of contributing to the more efficient functioning of the U.S. labor market by providing high-quality job training, employment, labor market information, and income maintenance services, primarily through State and local workforce development programs.

Ms. Bearden's dedication to public service and expertise in navigating complex policy landscapes make her an asset to the Trump administration.

I congratulate Ms. Bearden on this exciting achievement. We all look forward to watching her succeed and wish her the best in her new role.

HONORING COAST GUARD ADMIRAL LINDA FAGAN

(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, I rise today to honor U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Linda Fagan, a trailblazer. Her decades of service have strengthened our Nation and brought pride to the people of Ohio.

Throughout her distinguished 40-year career, Admiral Fagan broke barriers. She led with strength of purpose. As the first woman to serve as Commandant of the United States Coast Guard and the first woman to lead a branch of our Armed Forces, she made history with integrity and fortitude.

Admiral Fagan's service spanned all seven continents. From the icy waters of the poles to ports around the world, she safeguarded our Nation's interests with professionalism and resolve. Her deep expertise in marine safety is unmatched, and she holds the title of Gold Ancient Trident, the first of that honor and a symbol of enduring leadership in one of the Coast Guard's most critical missions.

Yet, patriots must acknowledge with concern the abrupt dismissal of Admiral Fagan just 1 day after a Presi-

dential inauguration, with only 3 hours' notice.

Actions that politicize our armed services undermine the trust and stability of these institutions. Admiral Fagan's legacy is not one of partisanship but patriotism.

Let us honor and thank her for her service. Our military remains above political winds, guided, as she was, by our Constitution, principle, high professionalism, and a deep love of country.

I thank Admiral Fagan for her service.

Now, we have the watch.

CONGRATULATING GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN OHIO ON GOLD AWARD

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. These hardworking and dedicated Scouts are agents for positive change in their communities and work every day to create a better world.

In 2024, 44 Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts from the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio earned the prestigious Gold Award.

In pursuit of this distinction, each Scout identified a specific issue close to their hearts and utilized teamwork and collaboration to effect positive change in their community, leaving a lasting impact.

Carolyn Koch, a graduate of Blanchester High School, created a Build Community Through Theater program to engage youth and help them develop confidence. Promoting drama education in her community, Carolyn invested her time and energy in creating a middle school drama camp, free of charge, for fifth to eighth grade students in the Blanchester Local School District.

The Girl Scouts Promise reads: "On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law." Carolyn and each of the other recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award are the embodiment of this promise.

I also recognize the parents and Scout leaders who supported each Girl Scout on their path to this milestone. Their support made all the difference.

I congratulate the Girl Scouts, especially Carolyn. Her investment in our community is appreciated, and Ohio can't wait to see what is in store for her next.

PROTECTING THE PROMISE OF AMERICA

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to serve as the ranking member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Today, I rise to recognize one veteran in particular, my great uncle, Manzo Takahashi.

Uncle Mon served in the legendary 442nd Infantry Battalion and gave his life in service to our Nation on this very day 80 years ago. He gave the last full measure of devotion while his family, my grandparents and parents, were incarcerated in camps simply because they were Japanese Americans.

Uncle Mon's story is just one of nearly 18,000 Japanese-American soldiers who embodied the motto Go for Broke. They risked everything for a country that had denied them so much because they believed in the promise of America.

Yet, that promise is fragile. The Trump administration erased the story of the 442nd from the Army's website and now seeks to gut the care that our veterans have earned.

We cannot let that happen. To truly honor our veterans, we must defend their legacy, protect their stories, and uphold the Nation that they fought to build.

Mr. Speaker, that is the debt we owe them.

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PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS TO VOTE

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, this morning, all 216 of my GOP colleagues, along with just four out of 212 Democrats, passed the SAVE Act, which is a bill that mandates proof of citizenship for those registering to vote.

I think most people think that is already required and mandated. Guess what. Even though it is in the Constitution and Federal law mandates that only citizens can vote, there are States that have systems in place that allow noncitizens to register. Guess what. They vote.

To address this problem, the SAVE Act also requires States to establish a program to remove noncitizens from their voter rolls. Just last month, even though Iowa did what it could to correct this problem, 277 noncitizens were on the voter rolls and 35 of them voted. That may not sound consequential, but there are races that are decided by less than that.

The votes against the SAVE Act today were nothing more than to allow noncitizens to vote in the United States of America. I think that falls into the category of the 80/20 position. All I know, Mr. Speaker, is a vote against the SAVE Act today was a vote against American citizens' voting rights.

HONORING ISAAC SAMUELSON

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am so proud to honor Isaac Samuelson, a young leader from Long Island and a member of Boy Scout Troop 613 based in West Hempstead.

Isaac spearheaded a project to preserve over 20 years' worth of religious texts, prayer books, and educational materials that had just been stashed away somewhere in his synagogue.

He, along with his family, friends, and Troop 613 members, spent hours organizing materials, ensuring that important religious materials could be preserved and used by future generations.

Isaac exemplifies the values of Boy Scouts and civic responsibility. He is a role model not just for young people in our community but for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Isaac for his leadership in our community. I am so proud to be his Representative.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN AS A TRUSTED LEADER IN FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, AND TRADE

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

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, today marks 46 years since the Taiwan Relations Act became law.

This landmark bill has strengthened the partnership with Taiwan and shaped America's foreign policy in the Indo-Pacific region.

I will recognize that Taiwan is a trusted leader in freedom, democracy, and trade, and is also a needed partner in security against shared threats.

As chairwoman of the East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee, I have worked on bipartisan bills to give Taiwan a rightful seat at the table in international organizations, such as WHO and IMF. I led the charge to track and ensure efficient delivery of weapons that Taiwan has purchased from the United States.

This year, I introduced a bipartisan, bicameral bill to enhance U.S.-Taiwan economic and trade ties. Our partnership with Taiwan is more important than ever.

MARKETS SENT INTO A TAILSPIN

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the President posted on social media: "This is a great time to buy." Then, shortly after that, he paused his tariff plan, the very one that sent markets into a tailspin.

The market bounced back, although it is down again, and the President

celebrated in the Oval Office with top financial executives. They celebrated at whose expense? The parents who watched their kids' college savings accounts get depleted, the retirees who rely on their investments to carry them through their remaining years, and the small business owners, including many in my district, who don't know how to plan and don't know how to keep the lights on at this point.

This wreaked havoc on millions of Americans, and those Americans also deserve to know about what happened and who profited off of it.

Did the financial executives know about what was going to happen? Did the President's donors know? Who knew and who profited from this "great time to buy" tweet and everything that was leading up to it?

We need a full investigation into what happened and who profited from it. The American people deserve better.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JUDGE MICHAEL J. KRAMER

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I somberly rise to recognize the tremendous life and career of the Honorable Judge Michael J. Kramer from Ligonier, Indiana.

Judge Kramer was a well-recognized titan of the judicial branch in the State and beyond. Prior to his sudden passing last month, he achieved the legendary feat of becoming the longest serving judge in Noble County history.

His many accomplishments include being named Distinguished Hoosier by former Governor Frank O'Bannon, being named Volunteer of the Year by Drug-Free Indiana, and becoming Advocate of the Year for the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America.

Michael was serving as the chair of Drug-Free Noble County and was a member and former president of the Noble County Bar Association at the time of his passing.

Noble County was lucky to have lived under the unbiased and truth-seeking gavel of Judge Kramer. He will be sorely missed by his surviving family and the community he loved so much.

Mr. Speaker, despite his unexpected passing, the institutions he helped form and the community he made safer will continue to honor his memory and legacy. The world can use more men like Judge Michael Kramer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FREDERICKSBURG NATIONALS

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fredericksburg Nationals on winning their first-ever Carolina League Championship.