These benefits are not a Ponzi scheme. These benefits are not government handouts. They are earned benefits for American citizens.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to stand up for Americans and protect these programs with our lives and our votes.

RAID IN COLORADO SPRINGS

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

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, the Colorado Springs Police Department, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and the Drug Enforcement Administration worked hard to do a raid in my hometown of Colorado Springs, Colorado. They arrested over 100 folks who are very likely illegally in our country. They found drugs, and they found sex trafficking of minors and of women.

Colorado Springs is safer today because of the policies of the Trump administration. As we celebrate 100 days of President Trump's administration, this is part of what he has brought to us.

There were MS–13, Hells Angels, and Tren de Aragua there. They frequented this nightclub that was shut down.

We are in this mess because of far-left policies from our Governor in Colorado, Governor Jared Polis, our State legislature, and the Biden administration.

I thank Sheriff Joe Roybal and all of the people from El Paso County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado Springs Police Department.

STANDING FOR AMERICA

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

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the 100th day of Donald Trump's second term as President.

While some of my colleagues celebrate his actions, I am reminded why I first ran for office and why I continue fighting for my community.

I was raised to believe that the United States of America was built on the principles of liberty, democracy, and equal opportunity. For more than two centuries, those ideals have guided us, creating a Nation where everyone has the right to pursue their dreams, serve their communities, and have a voice in their government without reprisals.

Today, we are witnessing something deeply troubling: the erosion of the rule of law, the abandonment of democracy norms, and a betrayal of the very values Americans of all backgrounds have long fought to uphold.

On this 100th day of the 119th Congress, I stand firm in my belief that: I, too, am an American. I, too, am a patriot. I, too, will continue to defend the values and principles that made this country a beacon of hope for the world.

HONORING CHARLES RINKEVICH, SR.

(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 honor the legacy of Charles Rinkevich, Sr., a distinguished law enforcement official who dedicated his life to public service for over 40 years.

After graduating from Michigan State University and serving an Active-Duty tour with the Army Reserves, Mr. Rinkevich became a lieutenant and training officer for the Savannah Police Department.

During his tenure, he also served as an instructor and law enforcement consultant for the University of Georgia and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

In 1982, he was appointed by the White House to oversee two Federal Government task forces aimed at aiding community law enforcement in Atlanta and Miami.

In 1983, Mr. Rinkevich moved to St. Simons Island where he was appointed director of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco.

While serving in this role, he managed an annual budget exceeding $100 million and oversaw an agency that graduated over 25,000 students annually.

Charles Rinkevich's commitment to excellence, innovation, and collaboration was an inspiration to countless individuals.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.

APPEASEMENT INVITES MORE AGGRESSION

(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, history has taught us time and time again that appeasement in the face of aggression and evil only invites more aggression.

We saw it in the 1930s, and we are seeing echoes of it in the Trump administration's actions today.

When we hesitate to support Ukraine, we drag our feet, or allow political infighting to stall critical aid, we are sending a dangerous message to autocrats, especially China.

Vladimir Putin invaded a sovereign democracy. He is betting that the free world will grow tired, turn inward, and look away. We cannot let that happen.

Standing with Ukraine is not charity. It is deterrence and in our national security interests.

If we do not stand with Ukraine, eventually American troops will be forced to fight aggressors in East Asia and Europe.

Deterrence is the key to putting them and our national security first.

Appeasement failed the world before. We cannot afford to repeat that mistake.

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize that April is Autism Awareness Month.

Autism spectrum disorder is a developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3, impacting social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function.

Today, 1 in 36 children in the United States are diagnosed with autism, and approximately 5.4 million Americans are living with autism spectrum disorder. By raising awareness, we can support individuals and families affected by autism and help them lead fulfilling lives.

I will take a moment to recognize my longtime dear friend Vincent McLaughlin, a dedicated advocate and true inspiration. Vincent has shown unwavering commitment to his community through his decade-long service on the Ulster County Planning Board representing the Village of Saugerties, his 16 years of service as a volunteer firefighter, and his continuous work to raise awareness and support for those living with autism.

In 2023, he was appointed to the New York State Council on Developmental Disabilities because of his advocacy and dedication, which embody the spirit of community involvement and empowerment. Vincent's selfless efforts make a difference every day, and I am grateful for his dedication and support.

As we observe Autism Awareness Month, let us commit to supporting all Americans with autism, ensuring they receive the necessary resources, opportunities, and respect they deserve. As my friend Vincent has proven, autism should never be a barrier to success or happiness.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ED MORGAN

(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 with a heavy heart to pay special tribute to the extraordinary contributions of Mr. Ed Morgan, who passed at 90. He was a beloved retired music teacher in Greene County.

Mr. Morgan dedicated his life to inspiring countless students, teaching them to read music and find joy in playing instruments like clarinets and horns. He would take his students' instruments to tune, maintain, and even teach them how to play.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for him teaching me how to play the drums.

His passion for people and his unwavering commitment to our community were evident to all who knew him.

Mr. Morgan also served our country honorably in the United States Army.

Music is woven deeply into the fabric of Greene County's history. The music coming out of our county sounds really, really good because of Mr. Morgan's influence.

I can only imagine the song he is playing now.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt condolences to Dorothy Moye, his family, and our community.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S FIRST 100 DAYS

(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, let me talk about the first 100 days of the Trump administration.

President Trump's efforts have secured the border. Southwest border apprehensions have decreased by 94 percent since March of last year, from 137,473 in March of 2024 to only 7,181 in March of 2025.

Customs and Border Protection encountered 29,000 illegal aliens nationwide last month, down 88 percent from 246,000 encountered in March of last year.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers arrested 32,809 illegal aliens during the first 50 days of the Trump administration, way less than last year. More than 100,000 illegals have been deported.

On the energy front, gas prices are down 6.3 percent and will continue to do so with America First energy policies.

The Consumer Price Index has only increased by 2.8 percent in the last year. Egg prices are down 56 percent.

On jobs, the economy added 10,000 manufacturing jobs, good jobs, during President Trump's timeline here. We will see more jobs and continue with a strong economy.

CONGRATULATING NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

(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, I rise today to congratulate Nassau County Police Department on 100 years of brave and honorable service to the communities across New York's Fourth Congressional District.

As the proud Representative of this district, I am honored to represent the more than 2,000 dedicated officers who put their lives on the line every day for the 1.3 million residents of Nassau County.

In 1925, the NCPD was established with just 55 patrolmen. In the century since, the department has grown into one of the most respected and well-trained law enforcement agencies in America.

Today, Nassau County law enforcement officers stand as a symbol of strength, courage, and service to Long Island.

I also recognize the brave NCPD officers who have given all in the line of duty. They will not be forgotten.

As we look ahead to the next 100 years of the NCPD, I will continue to work with Commissioner Ryder and our local partners to ensure that officers have the resources they need and the training they need to keep Long Islanders safe.

I am proud to stand alongside Nassau County Police Department and congratulate them on 100 years of serving our community.

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HONORING JACK FITZGERALD

(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 honor the life of an incredible man and a Maryland icon, Jack Fitzgerald.

Jack founded Fitzgerald Auto Malls in Montgomery County in 1966. Through decades of hard work, he built one of the most respected auto dealerships in the region and, I dare say, the country.

Jack became known for his customer-first approach to car buying, but everyone knew him for his unbounded integrity, compassion, and community engagement.

Jack was also a trailblazer in child car seat safety, something really incredible. He grew Fitzgerald Auto into one of the largest, all employee-owned auto dealerships in the United States.

Jack was a friend to my husband, John, and me. He also helped me throughout my journey to Congress with encouragement and wisdom. He helped shape the values that many of us carry with us here in Washington and in Montgomery County. He believed deeply in public service and putting others before himself, both in business and in life.

My heart goes out to Dottie, John, Kathleen, Russell, and Bill.

In closing, Jack will be deeply missed by all those who knew him within his community, and his legacy will live on in every life he touched because that is ''The Fitz Way.''

AMERICAN HISTORY

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, Black history is American history, indigenous history is American history, Latino history is American history, and women and LGBTQ+ history is American history.

We will not be silenced.

No illegal or unconscionable executive orders can erase American history. No firing of generals or Federal workers, no banning of books or threats to schools, no purge of websites or removal of artifacts from the Smithsonian or any other institution, and certainly no change to our national holidays will erase American history because the people of this country will not be silenced.

We will not allow this President to turn back the clock to take away American rights. We will keep speaking, we will keep marching, and we will keep fighting to protect our democracy because this is our country, and we are not going back.

''EXECUTIVE BRANCH'' CLUB

(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 to share the latest photo of the founding of another billionaire private club here in Washington, D.C., in Georgetown, for the superrich, spearheaded by Donald Trump, Jr.; JD VANCE; and their billionaire buddies.

Members can join for the low price of half a million dollars. They offer the richest of the rich a red carpet to buy influence and their way to power.

Meanwhile, working Americans are being crushed with high interest rates, 401(k)'s losing value, unaffordable housing, and rising grocery prices. At a time when reckless U.S.-Canada Trump-era tariffs are devastating our farmers and manufacturers, when layoffs are funding cuts and gutting communities, and the Trump elite are toasting champagne and eating caviar. Really?

This executive branch club isn't just an insult to the working class, but it is a vivid, grotesque portrait of ruling billionaires focused on totally enriching themselves and neglecting our Nation. Imagine what a half million dollars would buy in our communities for children or for seniors.

This excess reminds me of the disgusting behavior of Emperor Nero, who rightly has been relegated to the dustbin of history.

HONORING EVELYN PAULA NELSON YOUNG

(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, I rise today to honor the life of Evelyn Paula Nelson Young, a respected and beloved member of the Mt. Vernon community who passed away at the age of 102 earlier this year.

Born in 1922 in Charleston, South Carolina, Evelyn excelled academically