

I had the pleasure of meeting Deborah at one of my townhalls, where I saw firsthand her passion to fight for herself, her family, her community, and our district.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Deborah for her lifetime of leadership in Wheaton and for her advocacy for a fair, safe, and affordable community. I thank Deborah.

RECOGNIZING DAVID SPARKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Sparks for his outstanding contributions and visionary leadership in the pharmaceutical industry.

As the previous CEO and current chairman of the board at the Professional Compounding Centers of America, PCCA, Mr. Sparks has been instrumental in advancing the pharmaceutical industry. Since joining PCCA in 1992, he has fought to protect pharmacists' rights to compound, playing a key role in FDA reform legislation. Before PCCA, he owned pharmacies in Tulsa for over two decades, pioneering the introduction of compounding pharmacies in hospice care.

Committed to education, Mr. Sparks is a proud contributor to the SWOSU general scholarship fund, ensuring that future pharmacists have the essential resources to succeed. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy and an active member of its Mading Society of benefactors. He remains a dedicated advocate for the advancement of pharmacy, continuously supporting the profession through leadership and philanthropy.

Mr. Sparks' impact on the pharmaceutical industry is profound and lasting, and his leadership will continue to shape its future.

RECOGNIZING JIM SMITH FOR LEADERSHIP IN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDING

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Smith, a distinguished leader whose dedication and vision have profoundly impacted both the Professional Compounding Centers of America, PCCA, and the healthcare industry.

His educational background, including a bachelor of science in chemistry and biology from West Texas A&M University and an MBA from the University of Portland, has shaped his strategic leadership.

Since joining PCCA in 2000, Mr. Smith has played a crucial role in the organization's growth, serving as president, chief operating officer, vice president of sales and marketing, and a key member of the strategic management team. His leadership has strengthened PCCA's core capabilities, driving innovation and excellence in pharmaceutical compounding.

Prior to his tenure, Mr. Smith leveraged his expertise in home health, specialty medicine, respiratory pharmacy, long-term care pharmacy, and compounding support, demonstrating his commitment to advancing patient care.

Today, as executive adviser to the PCCA board of directors, Mr. Smith continues to shape the industry, ensuring that innovation and patient care remain at the forefront.

Mr. Smith's dedication exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and service.

CONGRATULATING GUS BASSANI, A VISIONARY IN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDING

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gus Bassani, a longtime leader and visionary in the pharmacy compounding industry who has recently assumed the role of chief executive officer of the Professional Compounding Centers of America, PCCA.

Mr. Bassani earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from Drake University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Since then, he has been invaluable in various settings within the pharmaceutical industry.

Mr. Bassani embraces opportunities to give back, teaching extemporaneous compounding principles to pharmacy students at Drake University.

Mr. Bassani has been with PCCA since September 2002, actively participating in legislative, regulatory, and public affairs initiatives. At PCCA, he has been a visionary, contributing extensively to the organization's scientific, technical, and strategic pursuits.

In addition to his outstanding work with PCCA, Mr. Bassani has previously served on the United States Pharmacopeia Compounding Expert Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Bassani on this exciting achievement, and I wish him the best in his new role.

EDESIA NUTRITION SAVES MALNOURISHED CHILDREN

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about a matter of life or death for millions of children around the world. Malnutrition is the leading cause of death for children under 5 globally.

When children starve, their bodies break down their own muscles, bones, and organs to survive. Their immune systems collapse, leaving them defenseless to disease.

Mr. Speaker, if you go into a clinic where children are suffering from malnutrition, you won't hear them crying because they don't have the strength. The silence is all you will hear.

When it comes to nutrition, the first 1,000 days of a child's life are critical for development for the rest of their lives, but there is a miracle treatment

that can save the lives of malnourished children, even in the most remote corners of the world. Ready-to-use therapeutic food, or RUTF, is a nutrient-packed peanut butter paste.

RUTF, also known as Plumpy'Nut, delivers the fat, sugar, and protein that children with malnutrition need to survive and grow. It requires no refrigeration, and kids show improvement and are saved within weeks.

Edesia Nutrition, based in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, is one of the two organizations in the United States that manufactures Plumpy'Nut. From their factory in North Kingstown, they produced over 88 million pounds of Plumpy'Nut each year.

This work saved more than 25 million lives across 65 countries, including 5 million lives last year.

Edesia and another organization, MANA, based in Georgia, have been doing lifesaving work, but this work has been largely halted because the Trump administration has frozen new orders for RUTF, grinding production nearly to a halt. This is despite Secretary Rubio and Elon Musk promising publicly that emergency food aid would be continued. That has not been the case so far, and relief for starving children is now uncertain.

USAID's Office of Food for Peace has funded the manufacture and distribution of this food relief to the developing world for decades, but with the closure of USAID, and despite the assurances of Secretary Rubio and other administration officials, no new orders have been submitted for the next fiscal year.

As a result, Edesia, the factory in my district, has had to lay off staff, leaving production of Plumpy'Nut slowed nearly to a halt. Shipments meant for starving children have been stranded in warehouses. There are boxes of this stuff sitting in warehouses right now with no place to go. Every hour of missed production means 415 starving children will not get the food they need to survive.

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If we allow Edesia and MANA's mission to fail, it will be a moral failure on our part.

I urge the administration and my colleagues to do the right thing. Restore the funding for emergency food aid. Keep America's promise to the world's most vulnerable children. We do not have another day to waste. This is a moment of urgency.

That is why starting today, I will take to the floor of the House every single day to call to anybody in this city who will listen, asking to please restore Federal funding for emergency food aid.

We do not have the ability to filibuster in the House like they do in the Senate, but I do have the right and the ability to stand in this Chamber every day for at least a couple of minutes to call attention to this urgent issue, and that is exactly what I intend to do until this funding is restored.

HONORING JOHN M. FOSTER

(Mr. ALFORD of Missouri was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John M. Foster of Harrisonville, Missouri, as our April Veteran of the Month.

A proud son of Cass County, John served 9 years in the Active Army Reserve with the 4th Squadron of the 4th Cavalry Division of the 102nd Infantry Division, earning the rank of sergeant first class.

After his honorable service, John dedicated his life to building his community, literally and figuratively, through his work as the owner of John Foster Construction Company and through decades of civic leadership.

He served as president of the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce, chaired numerous community initiatives, and was instrumental in establishing the Lawrence Smith Memorial Airport.

As a charter member of the Harrisonville Rotary Club, he promoted international goodwill and service.

John M. Foster's life of duty and service to country, community, and family stands as a shining example of American patriotism.

We are proud to honor him today, proud to have him in Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, and we thank him for his service to our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING PETE & JAKE'S HOT ROD PARTS

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an iconic Fourth District small business, our Small Business of the Month, Pete & Jake's Hot Rod Parts of Peculiar, Missouri.

For more than 50 years now, Pete & Jake's has been a cornerstone of the hot rod community, crafting high-quality suspension components that are not only admired but built to actually use.

What began in 1973 as two friends restoring a pair of 1934 Ford three-window coupes quickly turned into a legendary brand. Pete & Jake's built and designed the hot rod California Kid for the 1974 Hollywood movie titled "The California Kid."

Pete & Jake later sold their California hot rod shop, along with the California Kid, to Jerry Slover, and he moved the hot rod shop to Cass County, Missouri.

His son Jason; his wife, Tina; and their son, Colton—third generation in this picture here—run the daily operation of the all-USA-made parts for hot rods.

Their family impact goes well beyond just business. They give back to our community.

Each and every year, Pete & Jake's hosts a major car show in May, with all the proceeds going to support junior diabetes research, showcasing their dedication to both the customers and their community.

Last year, Mr. Speaker, they celebrated 50 years in business, and each

May they have a hot rod show with hundreds of cars coming from all over the country into our district.

Last year, 500 hot rods from 40 States were represented. All the proceeds go, as we said, to junior diabetes research.

Small businesses like Pete & Jake's represent the American Dream, built on hard work, innovation, and passion for what they do. Today, we congratulate Pete & Jake's Hot Rod Parts on their 50th anniversary and thank them for their contributions to Missouri and to America.

GREAT LAKES, TARIFFS, AND TRADE

(Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the House Great Lakes Task Force, I rise today to speak on behalf of our Great Lakes region.

My part of it is the Ninth District of Ohio that stretches all the way from Bryan, Ohio, all the way across the northern part of Ohio through Toledo, all the way to Sandusky and down to Fremont, Ohio, passing through places like Rossford, Perrysburg, Defiance, Ohio, and so many other beautiful places.

Our hardworking families depend on the Great Lakes not just for their livelihoods but for our way of life. They are the largest freshwater body on the face of the Earth, and we take the responsibility for tending that seriously.

The Great Lakes form the beating heart of our regional economy. They support hundreds of thousands of jobs, from the auto and steel industries, manufacturing to shipping, farming to fishing, and tourism to technology.

Our freshwater coast is a national treasure, and it is also a global economic engine, the third largest economy in the world that we share with Canada. We work on this together. We have from the beginning.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative—or some people call it the GLRI—has been a bipartisan lifeline and a vital investment that has brought over \$3.7 billion to our complex ecosystem to restore our wetlands, to clean up toxic waste in hotspots, and to protect our fresh drinking water. It is complex with lots of industry, lots of agriculture, lots of people, and lots of freshwater.

We must fully fund the GLRI. Every dollar brings back four to our economy, and that just makes common sense.

Let me be clear to this new administration: Keep your hands off our lakes. We will not stand by while short-sighted proposals gut the programs that have protected our water, our health, and our jobs. I would urge the President, while he is in Michigan, to go visit Flint, Michigan, and look at what we have to do to restore enterprise and freshwater across our region.

Mr. Speaker, currently, our Great Lakes economy is being choked by

reckless tariffs and inside-out trade policies that hit us hard, including the district I represent in northwest Ohio. It hits our pocketbooks and it hits the balance sheets of thousands of companies.

Take a drive through the Port of Toledo. You will see mountains of aluminum and steel stockpiled, stalled, waiting. Waiting for what? Our workers and small businesses are paying the price for a trade war that didn't need to start, and we certainly can't win as a joint economy.

Our region, the Great Lakes region, we share with Canada. What is all of this commotion for? Tariffs on Canada, our friend—I underline that—and ally, mind you—the Trump tariffs have inflated costs across our industries, including auto manufacturing, crushing competitiveness in an industry that has long been the pride of northern Ohio and for which we have struggled for 40 years to reinvest in.

In Sandusky, in Perrysburg, in Warren, Michigan, in Windsor, Ontario, and across the industrial belt, plants are being squeezed or idled, shifts are being cut, and paychecks are being threatened.

It doesn't stop there. Tariffs on Canadian lumber, potash, and energy have disrupted supply chains our region relies on. It is our life beat.

Construction costs are soaring. Eight percent for a mortgage, who can afford that? Farmers can't access the nutrients they need, and they are in the planting mode right now. The tractors are going into the fields.

As mortgage interest rates rise, we need Canadian lumber. The cost of housing is through the roof. Energy bills climb higher and higher. This is not economic patriotism. This isn't putting America first. It is self-inflicted damage. Somebody doesn't understand where these lakes exist. We share them with Canada.

Trump tariffs on the U.S. and Canada put our workers not first but put them last. Rising prices for consumers are hitting us hard across the board.

Let's not forget tourism, one of our region's most vital and underestimated economic engines. Lake Erie supports billions of dollars of recreational boating and sports fishing, along with a boating industry second to none. We share it with Canada. Cedar Fair, with Cedar Point, the roller coaster capital of the world, draws millions, including from Canada, and they are boycotting our facilities right now. Tourism generates billions.

I ask the President, please, while he is in Michigan, to review how damaging his tariffs are to our Great Lakes nation.

CELEBRATING THE CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE LADY CRUSADERS

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Christendom College Lady Crusaders women's basketball team on their extraordinary