

Southern Ohio is so proud of Carter's accomplishment and happy to call him one of our own. Since the Eagle Scout Award was first introduced in 1912, only about 4 percent of Boy Scouts have earned the award, making this achievement nothing short of extraordinary.

I look forward to seeing how Carter can continue to create positive change in Ohio's Second Congressional District.

I would also like to recognize Carter's parents and Scout leaders for their role in this process. Without them, this achievement would not have been possible.

I congratulate Carter.

**RECOGNIZING SUPERINTENDENT JEFF WENDORF**

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate and announce as our champion of the week North Canton City Schools Superintendent Jeff Wendorf on his retirement after a 40-year career serving the students of North Canton as a teacher, coach, and administrator.

Since he began serving as the superintendent in 2016, North Canton has consistently been ranked as one of the top school districts not just in Stark County but throughout the State of Ohio.

Just last year, the district received a 5-star rating, the highest, on its school report card from the Ohio Department of Education for the 2023-2024 school year.

Throughout his career, Superintendent Wendorf has led by example, demonstrating perseverance, compassion, and dedication for his community, all while supporting strong public schools.

For his outstanding devotion, he earned the respect and esteem of many students and educators alike. While his character and decisive leadership will be sorely missed, I am confident that his numerous contributions will serve as an inspiration for everyone in the wake of his departure.

Congratulations again to Superintendent Jeff Wendorf on his well-deserved retirement. He is a shining example of why this community is known as the "Birthplace of Champions," and I wish him many more years of happiness and prosperity.

**ABREGO GARCIA**

(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 this afternoon to speak to America about Abrego Garcia, the alleged MS-13 member and illegal alien who the Trump administration deported back home to El Salvador.

I would like to ask my Democrat colleagues this question: Where was your outrage when the Biden administration allowed millions of undocumented illegals into our country? Where was your outrage when my own constituents, the Corcoran family, were crying over the body of their child who was killed at the hands of an illegal? Where were you when Laken Riley and many other Americans were slaughtered by illegal aliens who were allowed into our country under your open-border policies?

Now you want to go on TV and act outraged about Abrego Garcia being deported? Give me a break.

Here are the facts. He was pulled over by the Tennessee Highway Patrol for speeding with an expired license. He was detained. He had folks in his vehicle that were apparently not American citizens. Then he was ordered by Biden's FBI to be released.

In court documents, his wife even said: "At this point, I am afraid to be close to him." She goes on to say: "I have multiple photos, videos of how violent he can be . . ."

When Democrats grandstand on the deportation of a wife-beating El Salvadorian, MS-13 gang member and chant "Bring him home," I have good news for you. He is home, and he will never be able to call America home.

**CELEBRATING DORA WHITING**

(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, today I rise to celebrate someone truly special, a person whose presence has touched so many lives at the University of Mary Washington.

After 30 years of dedicated service to the dining team, Dora Whiting is retiring.

I want to take a moment to recognize her immense impact on our community by naming her my "Constituent of the Week."

From her iconic "It's Friday!" moments to the joy she brings when students walk by Woodard Hall, her positive energy has made a lasting impression on all she meets.

Her compassion and unwavering support for students and faculty alike have helped create a welcoming environment that will be remembered for years to come.

I know the students at Mary Washington will certainly miss her constant presence, and I join them in celebrating her retirement and her legacy.

**RECOGNIZING LEE IRWIN**

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

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Lee Irwin on the week of her 90th birthday.

She has lived an extraordinary life. Mr. Speaker, she has spent 90 years of serving the community, making tens of thousands of dresses and britches for those young people over in Africa that don't have very much, serving her community and the Methodist Church that she served as both a secretary and now a volunteer teaching accordion, and raising three lovely children, also known as my cousins.

Welcome to just a great woman here in the House to recognize a life well lived. Happy birthday. I love you, and God bless you.

**ICE STEWART DETENTION CENTER**

(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, for far too long, Congress has kicked the can down the road on meaningful action on immigration reform, and there is still significant work to be done to secure our border.

Meanwhile, families in eastern North Carolina are facing dire consequences from illegal drugs and crime in communities. People back home want Congress to act.

Clearly, this isn't just an issue for border communities. It affects all of us.

With a decline in unlawful entries into our country, our attention has shifted to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Recently, I visited the ICE Detention Center servicing eastern North Carolina, followed by the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia, where detainees from eastern North Carolina are transported. I also made a trip to Guantanamo Bay with members of the Armed Services Committee.

To be clear, we must not compromise public safety and we must adhere to the Constitution.

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**MEDICAID IS AMERICA'S HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET**

(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, \$880 billion, that is how much Medicaid funding is on the chopping block. Medicaid funding provides lifesaving care for millions of Americans.

Medicaid is America's healthcare safety net. Without it, hospitals operating on thin margins will close, medical debt will skyrocket, and kids across the country will suffer.

Americans on Medicaid are your grandparents, your neighbors, your friends, and they are at risk because of these cuts. Virginians, in particular, are vulnerable because even if 1 percent of Federal funding of Medicaid is cut, 600,000 Virginians will lose their

Medicaid expansion coverage. This means pregnant women, babies, kids with disabilities, and our most vulnerable neighbors will lose coverage.

These cuts will make us less healthy and they will make us less prosperous and less safe. Even if you are not on Medicaid, emergency rooms will be overwhelmed with uninsured patients and your premiums and healthcare costs will go up, as well.

Mr. Speaker, every American should speak out against these cuts to Medicaid.

#### HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE ABDELNASSER RASHID

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the end of Arab American Heritage Month, I rise to honor my colleague and friend, State Representative Abdelnasser Rashid.

As the first Muslim elected in the Illinois General Assembly and the only Palestinian American to serve, he is not just making history; he is crafting it. He didn't step forward for titles or recognition. He stepped forward because families and communities like his have waited long enough for homegrown leaders who carry their hopes because they know their hardships.

His presence is a testament to perseverance, principle, and the strength to stay true to community. Abdelnasser carries the hopes of generations on his shoulders. He knows his work is bigger than any one person, and he does so with quiet courage, not seeking applause, but grounded in the belief that dignity and opportunity are rights, not privileges.

Representative Rashid isn't just honoring his heritage; he is building a future.

Mr. Speaker, today, we are proud to stand with him.

#### UNITED STATES HAS \$36 TRILLION IN FEDERAL DEBT

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

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, the United States has \$36 trillion in Federal debt. Our debt-to-GDP ratio is greater than Greece and Italy when they had their debt crisis, and we are incurring a deficit of \$2 trillion a year.

The most rapidly growing part of the Federal budget is Medicaid. You will have people come to the floor and they will talk about Medicaid cuts, but Mr. Speaker, only in Washington is a slight decrease in the increase in a program called a cut or slashing because that is not the way anybody's budget works at home, but that is the way it works in Washington.

The Medicaid budget has increased 40 percent over the last 5 years and is out

of control. We have to control the growth in it to preserve it for the future. A little known fact is that in many States, providers are paid more to take care of a Medicaid patient than a Medicare patient. That ought to scare every senior in this country when Medicare is going to be crowded out by an out-of-control Medicaid budget.

#### ONE HUNDRED DAYS OF CHAOS, DYSFUNCTION, AND ATTACKS

(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, today marks the 100th day of this administration. One hundred days of chaos, dysfunction, and attacks. Attacks on our democracy, our communities, and our environment, rollback protections for climate and clean energy, for our air, land, water, and wildlife.

Here just 1 week after the 55th anniversary of Earth Day, my colleagues across the aisle are putting forth a set of resolutions to gut protections for clean air and public lands across the West, while they prepare a reconciliation package next week that would open our public lands to oil and gas drilling, selling them to the lowest bidder, and repealing historic investments in climate and clean energy.

To think that just 55 years ago, a historic bipartisan people's movement led the United States in leading the world to protect our air, land, and water. We are here today to say we are not going back and we will continue to fight for our planet and our communities.

#### ATTACKS AND THREATS ON DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to submit extraneous material into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, after Donald Trump and his co-president Elon Musk took office on January 20, Democrats in Congress realized that we were engaged in a multifaceted struggle to protect and defend everyday Americans from the harm being inflicted by this reckless and cruel administration.

It was an all-hands-on-deck moment with roles for Congress, the courts, and for we the people.

On February 10, House Democratic Party Minority Leader HAKEEM

JEFFRIES formally established the Rapid Response Task Force and Litigation Working Group, chaired by assistant leader JOE NEGUSE and co-chaired by Representatives ROSA DELAURO, GERRY CONNOLLY, and JAMIE RASKIN.

The task force itself is also a multifaceted defense of our democracy with its 45 Members participating in various working groups. I participate in the Litigation Working Group that brainstorms ideas for amicus briefs where Congress' perspective would be especially important and useful to the courts such as when the Trump administration tramples upon Congress' constitutional powers by ignoring the will of Congress as expressed by legislation that directs that a certain thing be done.

When Congress passes legislation and that legislation is signed into law, then whoever is President is charged with the responsibility of taking care that that law is faithfully executed. The President does not have the power to nullify a law passed by Congress, but this President is willfully acting like a dictator and the Litigation Working Group is working to stop this President from acting unlawfully and unconstitutionally.

We are seeing great success in the courts, which is why this President is now attacking the judiciary and attacking judges, and we will talk about that later during this Special Order hour, which I have been asked to lead.

I also participate in a hearings working group that sets up hearings across the Nation to highlight how this administration's unlawful and unconstitutional actions are affecting everyday people. Importantly for tonight, I participate in the Special Order hour working group, where my fellow Representatives and I organize time to speak on topics of urgent importance so that the American public can be informed about the harm this administration is causing, our thoughts about it, and what we can do about it, both here in the Halls of Congress and in the courts as well as in the streets.

Tonight, the topic I feel most urgency around is illuminating the ways that the Trump administration is destroying democracy through its attack on the rule of law.

As a young man, I decided to become a lawyer. Actually, as a child, I was 4 years old when my hero, my mentor, my cousin—we called him Tokey, but his name was Archibald Hill—I was 4 years old when he graduated from law school and became a lawyer. When that happened, I decided at that tender age of 4 years old that I wanted to be just like him. I wanted to be an attorney also.

Archibald went out to Oklahoma and set up his homebase there in Oklahoma City, and he hung out his shingle as a solo practitioner and began to practice criminal defense law, and me, being his acolyte, his fan, wanted to be just like him. I decided I was going to open up my law firm and practice criminal defense law just like him.