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Mr. TRAN. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to mark the most solemn day of the year for the people of the Vietnamese diaspora.

Black April, Thang Tu Den, is not just a solemn day in history. It is a reminder of the day we lost everything—our homes, our livelihood, and our beloved country.

I am honored and humbled by the trust the Little Saigon community has placed in me as the first Vietnamese-American Congressman to represent the largest Vietnamese diaspora in the world. It is a privilege to share the story of my family and community with my colleagues in Congress and ensure that our history is never forgotten.

This is a painful day, a day for reflection, remembrance, and mourning.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in not only remembering the hardships we faced but also in celebrating the incredible resilience of the Vietnamese people.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF RICHARD GERMOND

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of longtime Lenawee County Sheriff Richard Germond, who sadly passed away Wednesday morning at 90 years of age.

Sheriff Germond joined the department when he was 21 years old and ultimately served as Lenawee County Sheriff for 36 years, making him Michigan's longest serving sheriff. He also was a member of the Lenawee Intermediate School District Board of Education for 25 years, supporting students in our community.

Sheriff Germond is a hero in every sense of the word and will be remembered as a model sheriff and a leader to many.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Germond was a prominent member of the Lenawee community, and we honor him for his service and commitment to keeping us all safe. He will be sorely missed, and his impact on our community will be felt for generations to come.

TRUMP'S 100 DAYS

(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, 100 days: irresponsible tariff imposition, confusing businesses, and tanking the stock market; illegal seizure of citizens without judicial process; dramatic cuts to the delivery of Social Security benefits and veteran benefits; abandoning environmental protections for clean air and clean water; destabilizing families, hospitals, and nursing homes with pending Medicaid cuts; and siding with

a ruthless aggressor, Russia, rather than the victim, Ukraine.

Mr. Speaker, 100 days: exonerated violent criminal behavior from the January 6 insurrection; unethical efforts to end investigations on allies and donors; firing talented, career-committed professionals and replacing them with blind loyalists; insulting Canada, Mexico, Denmark, and the European Union; disruption of programs; threats to universities, law firms, State and local governments, the Federal workforce, and the media; and threats to elected officials.

The American people gave the MAGA movement a narrow majority 6 months ago, but now they are having second thoughts. There is no golden age ahead, just a recession. Contrast this with Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who, in 100 days, saved America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER SAM LIVELY

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

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, after a tragic off-duty accident, the east Texas law enforcement community lost one of its young, rising stars, Tyler Police Officer Sam Lively.

I rise today to honor Officer Lively, to mourn alongside his family, and to pray for peace and comfort for all who knew him during his 25 years of life.

Officer Lively embodied the very best of east Texas, dedicating his life to serving others and protecting the community he loved as a member of the Tyler Police Department since 2023. His service was underscored by courage, compassion, and commitment.

Those who knew him speak of his infectious smile, his natural leadership, and his dogged determination.

They also note that despite the departure of his physical presence from this Earth, they know he now resides in his eternal heavenly home because of his faith in Jesus Christ. Sam understood that our hope is not in this world. Instead, he knew with certainty that our hope is only in Jesus.

Today, although we mourn his untimely loss, we celebrate his impactful life.

Sam Lively will be missed but not forgotten. May he rest in peace, and may God be with his family and the law enforcement community.

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MEET RESIDENTS WHERE THEY ARE TOUR

(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 to reflect on the Meet Residents Where They Are Tour my team and I conducted during the past district work period, a meaningful

journey, crisscrossing North Carolina's First Congressional District.

We connected with people who make eastern North Carolina special from classrooms to farms. At the 60th annual Haliwa-Saponi Blooming of the Dogwood Powwow, I was proud to present my bill in support of Federal recognition.

We visited schools, read to children, engaged with food bank volunteers and farmers. We spent time at the Tar River Boys and Girls Club in Rocky Mount, celebrated Barton College and Wilson Community College, and met with quilters in Warren County, as well as disaster survivors in Perquimans County. We also visited key businesses driving our economy, the United States Coast Guard in Elizabeth City, and ECSU.

Mr. Speaker, it was a remarkable experience and a powerful reminder of why we are able to serve.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROBERT STEWART CUTLER

(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 life and legacy of Lieutenant Commander Robert Stewart Cutler, who passed away peacefully on April 16, 2025, at the age of 97, in Savannah, Georgia.

Born in Braintree, Massachusetts, on April 14, 1928, Lieutenant Commander Cutler answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Coast Guard at 17 years old.

During his distinguished 27-year military career, he rose from an enlisted man to an officer, culminating in his roles as Commander of the Coast Guard Group in Savannah and Captain of the Port.

Even after retirement, his commitment to public service continued.

He dedicated an additional 29 years to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, promoting maritime safety and community outreach.

Outside of his formal duties, Lieutenant Commander Cutler was actively engaged in various veterans organizations, tirelessly advocating for the welfare of those who served.

He shared 54 cherished years of marriage with his late wife, Dorothy, building a loving family that continues their legacy of kindness. His life was marked by steadfast service to his country, community, and family.

Mr. Speaker, may Lieutenant Commander Cutler's memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SAIGON AND BLACK APRIL

(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 join my colleagues in commemorating a somber moment, the 50th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon and Black April.

Today is a moment to recognize and reflect on the courage of the Vietnamese people and their fight against a Communist dictatorship.

As a refugee whose family fled Soviet Ukraine with under 800 bucks, I connect deeply with that experience.

My family came to America in search of an opportunity to succeed, to achieve the American Dream. We worked hard, we served our country in the military, and now I serve my constituents in Congress. I will fight to keep the American Dream alive for anyone who wants to work for it.

Mr. Speaker, today, my thoughts are with my Vietnamese neighbors commemorating Black April.

As a 25-year Army veteran, I reaffirm my commitment to upholding the ideals that the Vietnamese refugee community risked everything to find: liberty, freedom, and opportunity.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF DEPUTY BRANDON SIKES AND PRAYING FOR SWIFT RECOVERY FOR DEPUTY GAVIN WHITE

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart this evening. On Saturday, April 26, Columbia County in my district experienced an unimaginable tragedy as one of our beloved law enforcement officers, Deputy Brandon Sikes, lost his life and Deputy Gavin White was severely injured while serving a temporary protective order.

This heartbreaking event serves as a profound reminder of their commitment to selfless service. As they often do, these officers choose to prioritize the safety of others above themselves, even in a life-threatening situation.

While our community grieves this tragic loss, I am reminded of John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praying for Deputy Sikes' wife, Amber, their daughter, Lyndsey, and all of Brandon's loved ones as they continue to mourn this fallen hero.

Please also join me in praying for a swift recovery for Deputy White, as well as Sheriff Whittle and the entire Columbia County Sheriff's Department.

May God's grace be with our entire community as we continue to heal from this tragedy.

IMMIGRANTS ARE BEING TREATED WITHOUT BASIC DIGNITY AND BEING DENIED MEDICAL CARE

(Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, this administration's deportation process has been sloppy and reckless since day one. No due process and no transparency, just families being illegally ripped apart and left to fend for themselves.

In severe instances, innocent people have actually died, like Marie Blaise. She was a 44-year-old Haitian woman who was in ICE custody in Pompano Beach. Marie had been complaining about chest pain for hours. They gave her some pills and told her to go lie down. Unfortunately, Marie never woke up.

Her loved ones deserve answers. They deserve accountability, like so many immigrant families who have their loved ones missing and who are hurt. These conditions at the ICE facilities are inhumane and unsanitary.

Immigrants are being treated without basic dignity and being denied medical care. I am calling for a full and transparent investigation into Marie's death, and I will be visiting the Broward Transitional Center very shortly. It is this neglect and cruelty that is really hurting our American families who are being deported even at this moment.

Mr. Speaker, we must have transparency. We must have justice.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JACK EDWARD ERICKSON

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Jack Edward Erickson, a beloved leader of our Newtown, Pennsylvania, community, and someone whose absence will be deeply felt.

For 96 extraordinary years, Jack Erickson lived a life of purpose and principle, defined by devotion to his family, service to country, and a deep commitment to his community.

A veteran of the United States Army, nationally recognized photographer, successful businessman, and a champion golfer, Jack excelled in literally every single role because he gave each one of them his full heart and his full measure of devotion, but it is how he gave back that truly defined Jack.

He dedicated decades of his life to his local Rotary club in Bucks County, proudly serving twice as president. He led the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation with purpose and spent 31 years on the Upper Makefield HARB Board, helping shape and preserve our community's rich history.

Mr. Speaker, Jack had a way of lifting others up just by being himself. Whether supporting our students, mentoring our young leaders, or simply showing up for his friends and neighbors, he led with quiet strength and genuine care.

Mr. Speaker, we extend our deepest condolences to his children, his grand-

children, his great-grandchildren, and his loving partner, Mary Ann, and all who loved him.

Jack was a constant, someone who made our community stronger just by being a part of it. His legacy will live on in the lives he touched and the example he set.

Mr. Speaker, may his memory be a blessing and may he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY BRAVERY OF TEFAYE DEYASSO

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and recognize the extraordinary bravery of Tesfaye Deyasso, who was named the 2025 National Hero of the Year by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

On April 18, 2024, Mr. Deyasso witnessed a car drive off the highway and crash into a barrier, erupting into flames. Without hesitation, he rushed to the scene. Joined by a group of Good Samaritans, Mr. Deyasso worked tirelessly to pry the car door open, fighting against intense heat and smoke from the burning car to save the driver trapped inside.

Mr. Deyasso has been a proud member of the Minneapolis Branch 9 of the National Association of Letter Carriers for over 4 years. His heroism is a testament to the strength and compassion found in our community. I am proud to have Mr. Deyasso as a constituent, and I am honored to commend his bravery.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tesfaye Deyasso on his remarkable and well-earned honor.

REPUBLICANS ARE PROTECTING AND PRESERVING MEDICAID FOR THE TRULY NEEDY

(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, you just heard right here on the floor that those mean Republicans are cutting Medicaid.

Let's set the record straight. As this graph shows, the Republican instructions don't cut Medicaid, they increase Medicaid by 25 percent over the next 10 years.

Even with common core math—I know it is popular on that side of the aisle—you can see that Medicaid expenditures of the Federal Government go up over the next 10 years with the Republican plan, even after eliminating fraud, waste, and abuse, which a clear majority of Americans agree we should eliminate across the Federal Government. We spend \$656 billion in fiscal year 2025 and, again, it goes up by 25 percent over the next 10 years. It is not only that, but Medicaid payments in some States' providers could