

be two to three times the payment for Medicare to healthy, able-bodied young adults. That should scare each and every senior that we are spending more for medical care for healthy, able-bodied young adults than for our seniors. If you repeat a lie long enough, it becomes a truth, but this is a fact.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans are protecting and preserving Medicaid for the truly needy.

REOPENING OF SCOTLAND AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

(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 a powerful moment of resilience and healing, the opening of Scotland African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Scotland AME Church has been a beacon of faith, hope, and history for the predominantly African-American Scotland community in Montgomery County for over 100 years. Sadly in 2019, the community was devastated as floods literally wiped the church off the map.

Scotland refused to abandon their work and their legacy. After more than 5 years of hard work, and thanks to an extraordinary showing of support from the local community, I was honored this morning to join this Scotland congregation as they reopened the newly rebuilt church.

Mr. Speaker, local leaders and officials from across Maryland came to participate in the celebration because AME truly represents a story of struggle and triumph that defines the community, a perfect antidote of faith, love, hope, and community for our country during these turbulent times.

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ISLE OF EIGHT FLAGS SHRIMP FESTIVAL

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, according to Bubba from "Forrest Gump," there are 21 ways to prepare shrimp, but there is only one place you can experience all that and more: Fernandina Beach, Florida's Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival. Can you believe, Mr. Speaker, this is the 60th year.

As Fernandina Beach's congressman and former mayor, I love to attend this event, which started out as shrimp boat races, but has grown into a massive festival celebrating delectable crustaceans.

From the thrill of the pirate invasion—arrgh—to the crowning of Miss Shrimp Festival to the irresistible aroma of wild-caught shrimp sizzling

across the waterfront, every corner of this festival reminds us of why we come together to celebrate our heritage as the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to festival, this one is shrimply the best. I invite my colleagues and you, Mr. Speaker, to come shell-e-brate with us. It is always the first weekend in May.

LIVING UP TO THE PROMISE OF AMERICA

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

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Black April.

As Pulitzer Prize-winning author and one of San Jose's favorite sons, Viet Nguyen, has written: "All wars are fought twice; once on the battlefield and a second time in memory."

On this day, 50 years ago, fathers, mothers, sisters, and brothers looked out across a vast ocean as Saigon was falling behind them. Among them was Helen, my constituent, who watched as her aunt boarded a boat, and days later she would also follow the path of Vietnamese refugees on to San Jose in my district, which proudly boasts the largest population of ethnically Vietnamese people of any city in the world outside of Vietnam.

Helen's journey was filled with horror and hardship, but rooted in hope, hope for a life with freedom and opportunity. We must honor her hope by living up to the promise of America, by fulfilling our democratic values, and by embracing those who come to America from around the world earnestly seeking freedom, as she did.

CONGRATULATING BILL MCINNISH

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bill McInnish for his outstanding contributions to education and workforce development at Eau Gallie High School in Melbourne, Florida, where he teaches aviation fabrication and assembly technology.

His 27 years of technology and CTE teaching experience are best defined by his passion and dedication to helping students succeed in the aerospace industry. As a veteran of the Coast Guard, where he performed search and rescue missions, he established the first-ever aviation fabrication and assembly program in an economically disadvantaged high school.

Under his leadership, this program became the first in the Nation to award high school students with the National Aerospace/Aircraft Assembly certification.

It is with great pride that I recognize his exceptional achievements in build-

ing the local talent pipeline, with graduates securing positions at companies like SpaceX, Blue Origin, United Launch Alliance, and others.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Bill for his incredible contribution to our district.

EMPTY SHELVES AT FOOD BANKS

(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 this evening on behalf of the people I am privileged to represent in northwest Ohio: workers, family, farmers, and urban and rural communities where neighbors try to look out for one another.

However, too many families are struggling to put food on the table. They are being priced out of their own grocery store. Food prices have shot up—meat, milk, bread, eggs—basics that every family depends on. Households are getting buried under the weight of their grocery bill.

Now, to make matters worse, the Trump administration has unilaterally paused Federal food assistance and canceled shipments to food banks. We are feeling it. By withholding food and funds, the new administration has turned its back on the American people.

They feel the rising prices, and they feel the harm. Food banks in Ohio and across our Nation are seeing shelves go bare, school meal programs, senior nutrition, and food pantry lifelines short. The boxes going out to seniors don't have protein.

When Federal food dollars are cut off, it doesn't just hurt the hungry, it hurts the producers. Congress must restore these funds to feed our people, support the farmers, producers, and growers who make and grow what makes and grows America.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Apprenticeship Day and highlight the vital role apprenticeships play in shaping our workforce and expanding opportunity.

For thousands of years, apprenticeships have helped people learn valuable skills and secure meaningful careers, from blacksmiths of the past to today's electricians, software developers, and healthcare technicians.

Today, too many good-paying jobs go unfilled because workers lack the proper training. Apprenticeships help close that gap by combining classroom instruction with hands-on experience while participants earn a paycheck. They offer a debt-free, practical alternative to college that leads directly to stable, in-demand careers.

As co-chair of the Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus, I have long championed career-focused pathways that connect Americans to opportunity. Apprenticeships are among the best tools to prepare people of all ages and backgrounds for success.

With greater Federal support and public-private partnerships, we can expand access and modernize our apprenticeship system. I commend President Trump's commitment to this goal, including his executive order aiming for 1 million new apprenticeships.

Mr. Speaker, let us celebrate National Apprenticeship Day and ensure that the future is brighter for all those who are climbing the ladder of opportunity and that every American knows that there is more than one path to success in the future.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF AGENT ORANGE

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

Ms. TLAIIB. Mr. Speaker, Agent Orange exposure continues to negatively impact the lives of our veterans, Vietnamese people, Vietnamese Americans, and their children.

As we mark 50 years after the United States' withdrawal from Vietnam, it is time to meet our moral and legal obligations to heal the wounds inflicted by these atrocities. That is why I am proud to introduce the Victims of Agent Orange Act and the Agent Orange Relief Act, because we know that the devastating harms that our country committed in Vietnam did not end in 1975.

The U.S. exposed millions of people in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos to deadly toxins like Agent Orange which to this day causes birth defects and deadly disease, as well as premature death, Mr. Speaker.

For there to be any justice for the war crimes committed in Vietnam, the United States, our country, must devote itself to repair by cleaning these ongoing Agent Orange contamination sites, investing in medical care for those impacted, and removing unexploded ordnance. Our country must never again commit these acts of violence anywhere.

I ask my colleagues to please support this legislative package to bring justice for those victims of Agent Orange.

STOP THESE BUREAUCRATS

(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, I rise tonight to speak about the resolution I have to overturn the listing of the San Francisco Bay Delta population of longfin smelt, which is being done under the Endangered Species Act.

This listing was not based on sound science. It was forced through by a law-

suit and a court order at kind of the last minute in the Biden administration. Of course, that is not the way environmental decisions should be made.

This was done on the heels of the regular delta smelt, which for over 30 years has had tens of millions of acre-feet of water shoved out through the delta to supposedly sustain that delta smelt to no effect because they have been trawling the area, looking for the fish, trying to find the fish, and haven't found any since I believe 2017.

The Endangered Species Act has been weaponized for decades to shut down water deliveries, halt forestry, and cripple farming, ranching, and mining across the West. The Biden administration and activist judges have turned the law into really a political tool.

The Fish and Wildlife Service overlapped this new listing on top of delta smelt regulations that already sends valuable water out to the Pacific Ocean in droves. It hurts farmers, families, and every Californian who depends on a stable water supply. We must stop these bureaucrats.

THE FIRST 100 DAYS

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. MOORE of Utah was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, again, yesterday marked 100 days since President Trump took office for the second time. It has been a whirlwind 100 days, to say the least, as his administration has taken swift action to reverse many of the Biden-era policies that I believe brought major challenges to American businesses and families.

From bringing the southwest border crossings to their lowest in history to ushering in critical private investments to our communities and boosting job growth, the Trump administration has wasted no time in reversing many of the wrongs of the last 4 years.

We have much to celebrate and highlight this evening. I appreciate my colleagues for taking time to reflect on these past 100 days and how House Republicans are joining the administration to implement a pro-growth, profamily, conservative agenda that will deliver for Americans across the country.

I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE).

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank Vice Chairman MOORE for yielding and for claiming this time to highlight the many accomplishments of the Trump administration during the first 100 days.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of tens of thousands of Tennesseans I represent to express appreciation to President Trump and his administration on their bold action over the last 100 days.

After 4 years of unprecedented illegal immigration under President Biden, our borders are finally under control. After 4 years of deficit spending, we are grateful to have a Chief Executive who is willing to cut waste, fraud, and abuse on behalf of the American taxpayer. Indeed, what we have witnessed over the last 100 days is a real master class in the art of following through.

If elected again, President Trump said he would put a stop to men competing in women's sports. He did.

He said he would end divisive and anti-American DEI policies in schools across the country. He did that, too.

The President told us that this country would once again be respected on the world stage. Mr. Speaker, it is clear he has delivered on that promise, as well.

There are many, many wins I could point to. Just last month, 228,000 new jobs were added to the U.S. economy. Prices fell for the first time since May 2020. The Border Patrol reported a 94 percent drop in illegal immigrant encounters at our southern border compared to the same month last year under Joe Biden.

It is noteworthy, Mr. Speaker, that the only thing the President needed to accomplish this was leadership. We heard the last administration claim time and time again that Congress would need to pass legislation to secure the border. We heard a blank check would end the unprecedented illegal immigration happening at our southern border. Yet, last month, President Trump's Border Patrol reported only 7,181 illegal crossings compared to 137,473 similar crossings during the same month in 2024. All of that without Congress lifting a finger. It is clear that the accomplishment was because of the clear leadership of President Donald J. Trump.

In Tennessee specifically, President Trump's tariffs and economic policies have brought about millions of dollars in new investment and countless new jobs. Cra-Z-Art is moving manufacturing equipment from Asia back to the United States to expand operations in Lewisburg, Tennessee. Charms, the maker of Blow Pops and other candy, has planned a nearly \$100 million expansion of its Covington, Tennessee, plant. Schneider Electric has announced plans to expand their footprint in middle Tennessee in the coming months.

Thanks to President Trump, gas prices are down and optimism is up. Candidly, this White House has been able to accomplish more positive results in 14 weeks than the last administration did in 4 years, and President Trump has just gotten started.

I look forward to working with my fellow House Republicans to codify many of the President's executive actions into law. I am confident we will