

the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Let's be clear. This is a direct attack on rural families, veterans, caregivers, and children, including thousands of Delawareans who rely on libraries not just for books but for help with job applications, disability forms, and housing assistance.

In Dover, librarians are helping my neighbors navigate Social Security delays. In Lewes, they are supporting unhoused jobseekers. In Harrington, they are guiding caregivers through pages of red tape just to access basic support.

This isn't just morally wrong. It is a violation of the law. Congress appropriated these funds. This administration is not only defunding vital community programs. It is defying the will of the American people.

With just \$1.93 million per year, Delaware libraries are able to preserve our history, strengthen our workforce, and meet people where they are to deliver critical services. Cutting this lifeline isn't efficiency. It is cruelty.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the administration to reverse course, and I stand with my colleagues in demanding full funding for the services our communities need and deserve.

RECOGNIZING JUNIOR R. "SKIP" BAKER

(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 to recognize Junior R. "Skip" Baker for an incredible 70 years of service to the Genesee Township Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1955, Skip joined the Genesee Township Volunteer Fire Department and has been a steady presence through decades of change. He served as fire police, EMT, and fire warden for 25 years. He even completed EMT training alongside his late wife, Dorothy, and son Bill.

His sons, Bill and Steve, have both held leadership roles, and now his grandson, Christopher, continues the Baker legacy. Skip has driven nearly every apparatus the department has owned and still runs the pumper and tanker with skill.

Skip played a major role in planning the current fire station, saving the department tens of thousands of dollars through smart cost cutting.

Skip has been on the front lines of major incidents, from the Kane tornado to floods, barn fires, and even a military plane crash.

At age 94, he remains calm, capable, and committed.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Skip for his lifetime of service and the integral role he has played in ensuring his community's safety.

DISTRICT WORK PERIOD REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during this past district work period, I met with seniors across my district who are worried about losing the lifelines they depend on: Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare.

At one event with our seniors, a Social Security worker told us that wait times are exploding. He said that staff are being watched and pushed to quit every single day. In some cities, offices are even closing.

These are the people who make sure the checks that our seniors depend on go out. Trump and Elon Musk want them to quit.

The Social Security worker told us he felt that he had failed the American people. Let's be clear: He didn't fail us. The Republicans did.

That is why I have been out there raising the alarm. Seniors and their families deserve what is coming. Seniors built this country. They paid in, showed up, and earned these benefits.

If Republicans think they can slash these lifelines without a fight, they are dead wrong. We put seniors over billionaires.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS INDIANA YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PRIDE

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hundreds of young Hoosiers who just participated in our annual Special Olympics Indiana Youth Basketball Tournament.

Basketball is a beloved tradition in my Hoosier State, and this tournament is amongst the largest in North America. It has been hosted at the University of Indianapolis, just 2 miles from my home, since 2010.

This year's event brought together athletes from across our State to compete in five-on-five, three-on-three, and individual basketball skill competitions.

Special Olympics Indiana transforms young lives through the power of sports, breaking down barriers while building up kids with intellectual disabilities. It provides 19,000 Hoosier youth an opportunity to fulfill their sporting ambitions, all with the support of 10,000 volunteers and not one red cent of taxpayer money.

These special young athletes embody the spirit of perseverance on the court and in their lives. They have bright futures ahead of them, and we are proud.

100 DAYS OF CHAOS, CRUELTY, AND LAWLESSNESS UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week marked a stunning milestone: 100 days of chaos, cruelty, and lawlessness under the Trump administration. We see it in our economy, in our homes, and in our relationships abroad.

Just 100 days ago, President Trump inherited a strong economy, yet our economy shrank in the first 3 months of this year. He imposed punishing tariffs, then he didn't, wiping out \$11 trillion in wealth in 11 weeks. The price of gas, eggs, and other groceries are still too high.

The President handed an unelected, unqualified billionaire, Elon Musk, unfettered access to private data and indiscriminately fired devoted civil servants. Services at Social Security and IRS have been slowed in the aftermath.

Because the President has aligned himself with dictators like Putin, our allies across the globe are now openly admitting they can't trust us.

This is not good governance. It is not reform.

Mr. Speaker, history will not be kind to those who enable this President through words or through their appalling silence.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE GRAY WOLF

(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, in northeast California, as in other parts of the country, we are seeing an introduction of a wolf population that is devastating not only to the beef industry and the at least 200 spring calves but also to the rest of the wildlife in the neighborhood.

Places like Sierra County, Siskiyou County, Modoc County, Lassen County, and Plumas County are being devastated by this introduction of the gray wolf.

This is somehow dressed up under the idea that it is endangered, yet the delisting of the gray wolf in the United States has been long sought where we can find tens of thousands of them in upper Midwest States and lower Canada.

Why is it that we have the logic that they have to have one in each county of each State for them to somehow be seen as not endangered anymore?

They are indigenous to a particular area. They do not need to be introduced and devastating the landscape, devastating the people where kids have to sit in cages at bus stops in order to be safe.

Just recently, an elk was chased right up onto the front porch of a constituent in northern California, killed,

and partially devoured right on the property, right next to the building.

Does this mean we are getting a better quality environment because of that? Does that mean we are getting public safety? No. It is getting worse.

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REMEMBERING ED ARNOLD

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and legacy of my very good friend, Ed Arnold. He was born in Texarkana, Arkansas, in 1939. He was a homeless teenager. He joined the Marines. As a marine, he was stationed in California where he got a taste of sunshine and decided to stay in the Golden State.

He played football for Santa Ana College. He played for the Dons' 1961 East-rn Conference championship team.

At Santa Ana College is where he met the love of his life, Dixie. Dixie and Ed Arnold were voted Santa Ana College prom king and queen. Ed never forgot where he got his start, Santa Ana College.

Santa Ana College gave him his education. Santa Ana College introduced him to the love of his life, Dixie.

Ed Arnold today is and was Santa Ana College.

My very good friend Ed Arnold, we will miss him, we love him, and we will never forget him and his contributions to our community.

POPE FRANCIS LED BY EXAMPLE

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, Pope Francis led by example. He showed compassion and empathy to all. He reminded us of our shared humanity, and he treated everyone with dignity and respect. Pope Francis understood what it meant to care for one another.

Many of my Republican colleagues often talk about their Christian values. They should practice what they preach. The reconciliation bill shows no compassion and no concern for the American people. Their bill is predatory.

The latest proposal to place so-called per capita caps on Medicaid funding would still jeopardize healthcare for millions of Americans. This includes over 282,000 people in my district. Mr. Speaker, 103,000 children under the age of 19 and 37,000 seniors would have their care ripped away.

I urge my Republican colleagues to stop with their empty platitudes, to stop catering to the cruel authority of President Trump, to stop putting billionaires over the American people. I urge them to take Pope Francis' message of compassion, of respect, and of moral courage to heart.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from en-

gaging in personalities toward the President.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RELATING TO "ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ENDANGERED SPECIES STATUS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA DISTINCT POPULATION SEGMENT OF THE LONGFIN SMELT"

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 354, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 78) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment of the Longfin Smelt", and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 354, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 78

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment of the Longfin Smelt" (89 Fed. Reg. 61029; published July 30, 2024), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.J. Res. 78.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 78 offered by Representative LAMALFA of California, which would undo the listing of the longfin smelt in

the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment under the Endangered Species Act.

The listing was based on flawed science in response to an ESA-related lawsuit and adds yet another piece of regulatory red tape preventing water from reaching California's Central Valley and communities further south.

California's Central Valley is one of the most prolific agricultural regions in the world, growing hundreds of crops that feed millions of people. However, this region faces continual water uncertainty due to drought and ESA-related regulations.

The Central Valley Project, or CVP, transports water from wetter areas in northern California to drier areas further south, including the Central Valley. It is subject to ESA biological opinions that mandate water that would otherwise go to communities and farms be diverted to the San Francisco Bay.

The effects of this can be seen at this very moment in California where Federal reservoirs are almost full, yet many farmers are only receiving half of their water allocations. This is in large part due to restrictions imposed by the ESA, which will only be exacerbated by the listing of the longfin smelt.

Unfortunately, the rush to judgment that ensued from the lawsuit resulted in a listing based on flawed assumptions and bad science.

First, by solely focusing on the bay-delta rather than the longfin smelt's entire range, the service ignores the fact that the species has been found in dozens of locations, including in and around every tributary of the San Francisco Bay. Meaning the longfin smelt is not at risk of extinction and does not meet the statutory definition of an endangered species.

Instead of being based on science, this listing comes from the common radical environmental playbook of suing for a predetermined outcome.

Radical groups have litigated for years trying to get the longfin smelt listed under the ESA, with a 2024 lawsuit compelling the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to make a listing decision being the latest example.

Unfortunately, as with many ESA-related lawsuits, the species is rarely the true motivation. The leader of the organization that filed the lawsuit in question said the not-so-quiet part out loud when he said that protecting the longfin smelt going forward would require taking more water away from farmers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this CRA and roll back this misguided listing, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This resolution, H.J. Res. 78, continues a very familiar pattern that we are seeing from this Republican majority: distractions and scapegoats instead of dealing with real crises, real