

Their artwork reminded me that the future is bright and colorful in eastern North Carolina. These young artists are a true reflection of the heart and spirit of the east.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT TROY SMITH KNUTSON-COLLINS

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service, and memory of Staff Sergeant Troy Smith Knutson-Collins.

On April 1, a month ago today, Staff Sergeant Knutson-Collins tragically lost his life during a tactical training exercise in Lithuania that also killed three other members of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Troy was born and raised in Battle Creek, Michigan, graduating from Harper Creek High School in 2015. Troy had many hobbies, including woodworking, football, and gaming. After graduating high school, he actually played semi-pro football before he enlisted in the Army at age 20, where he served as an artillery mechanic.

Staff Sergeant Troy Smith Knutson-Collins was deployed to Korea twice and was serving in Lithuania when tragedy struck. In honor of his service, he will be returning back home to Battle Creek and will be buried at the Fort Custer National Cemetery tomorrow, on Friday.

Troy is survived by his wife and five children, along with his parents, Robert and Tosha Collins, and six siblings.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we may all rise and honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Troy Smith Knutson-Collins with a moment of silence.

Rest well, soldier. Rest well.

RECOGNIZING VALOR AWARD WINNERS AND HONOREES FROM FAUQUIER COUNTY

(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, I rise today to recognize the recent Valor Award winners and honorees from Fauquier County, individuals who embody courage and service.

Sponsored by the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce, the Valor Awards highlight the critical work local law enforcement and first responders do every day to keep our communities safe.

Among this year's Lifetime Achievement Awards was Warrenton Police Chief Tim Carter. A native of Fauquier County, Chief Carter has served his hometown as a police officer, corporal, detective sergeant, lieutenant, and deputy chief before becoming police chief in 2023.

Also recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award was retired fire chief Dale Koglin. Chief Koglin served

the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company for 62 years, first joining when he was only 14 years old.

Another award went to Sergeant John Larson, who donated a portion of his liver to a child after screenings said he was a good match.

George Scheulen was honored for his courageous service as a platoon leader in the Army.

To the Valor Award winners and honorees, and to those who work to keep our communities safe every day, I thank them for their service.

FIRST 100 DAYS ARE JUST THE BEGINNING

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, President Trump, Indiana Governor Braun, and House Republicans in our first 100 days have worked in unison to make our communities safer, citizens healthier, and country wealthier.

It has started at the border. The Trump administration's swift and strong actions have caused illegal aliens to simply give up on crossing our borders illegally, proven by the 94 percent drop in apprehensions since March 2024.

These efforts have only been strengthened by Governor Braun sending the Indiana National Guard to the border and the House passage of the SAVE Act.

Governor Braun has made Indiana healthier by signing nine health-related executive orders, one of which addresses the same harmful food dyes and artificial ingredients that President Trump and the administration banned just this past week. This was accomplished while the House literally saved lives by securing medical protection for babies who survived attempted abortions.

Finally, the three have worked in unison in making our country wealthier by both executives implementing their own DOGE initiatives and the House working overtime to codify those cuts.

There is so much more I could mention, but the best of all of this is that it is just beginning.

RECOGNIZING NKH AWARENESS DAY

(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 recognize May 2 as Nonketotic Hyperglycinemia Awareness Day.

NKH is a rare genetic disorder, and there are only 500 kids in the world living with it, four of them calling the Commonwealth of Virginia home.

Today, I am proud to be joined by one of these incredible kids, my constituent Luka, and his family.

Jackie and her dad, Eddy, are also important advocates in Virginia dealing with this disease.

At one of my townhalls, Luka's mom, Shannon, shared their story with me. It was a story where Medicaid was at the center.

Without reliable Medicaid, Luka would not receive his 18 daily medications, at-home care, and other resources he needs. His mom and dad, Shannon and Chris, work full-time jobs, and Medicaid is backup insurance.

By establishing May 2 as NKH Awareness Day, we raise awareness for this devastating disease and recommit to fighting for a reliable Medicaid. That is because every family should be focused on spending time with their loved ones and not worrying about healthcare.

STAND FOR JUSTICE: BRING DETAINEES HOME

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

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, the emergency isn't coming. It is here.

Donald Trump is abducting American children. He is detaining judges. He is disappearing people into foreign prisons. This is authoritarianism in full view.

I didn't come to Congress to sit back while democracy is dismantled. To the contrary, I will use every tool at my disposal to protect our democracy.

When the people of Gresham, Hood River, and Portland demanded action, I went to El Salvador because we have to stand up for due process. As a critical care physician, I am trained to act. I am trained to do everything in my power to address the crisis in front of me.

When we sat down with the U.S. Embassy, one thing was chillingly clear: Donald Trump has done nothing, not one thing, to bring Kilmar Abrego Garcia or any of the detainees home. Their families haven't heard a word—no calls, no updates, and no proof of life, just silence.

Here is what gives me hope: Yesterday, Mohsen Mahdawi, a detained Columbia student, was released on bail. He said something we all need to hold close: We must "believe in the inevitability of justice."

I will stand for justice. I encourage my colleagues to stand for justice, and I look forward to the fight ahead.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RULLI). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

CHAMPION OF THE WEEK: ADDELYNN FERGUSON

(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 recognize Addelynn Ferguson as

Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

Addelynn is a junior from Portage Lakes Career Center in Uniontown, Ohio, and out of nearly 50 participants, she took home the first-place prize for this year's Congressional Art Competition in Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

I had the opportunity to see Addelynn's winning piece, as shown here, and present her with the first-place prize at a community art show in Akron last week. I can truly say that her piece titled "Lollipop" is a captivating and creative portrait of Addelynn's beloved grandmother, Annette.

I had the pleasure of meeting Addelynn and Annette. As you can see, Mr. Speaker, she uses bright, exciting colors that showcase her grandmother's beauty and bright smile.

As the winner of our district's Congressional Art Competition, Addelynn's artwork will be proudly displayed on the walls of the Capitol where visitors from across the United States and the world can see our community's artistic and creative talent.

I personally can't wait to see Annette's smiling face each time I walk to vote on the House floor.

In addition to recognizing her exceptional artistic talent, I also thank Amy Eibel, Addelynn's art teacher at Portage Lakes Career Center.

Art teachers like Amy inspire and support young students like Addelynn each and every day, and we are grateful for their dedication and hard work in the classroom.

I congratulate, again, Addelynn on being the winner of Ohio's 13th Congressional District Art Competition and this week's Champion of the Week. I look forward to seeing what Addelynn and the other talented students in our district create next.

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SHANE'S STORY

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a story of a constituent and friend, Shane. Shane has a rare and painful disorder that makes the skin incredibly fragile and there is no cure.

Thanks to breakthrough gene therapy, one Shane helped to test, he and others finally have hope, but that hope is diminishing.

At Trump's urging, congressional Republicans are proposing a nearly \$1 trillion cut in healthcare and have already slashed rare disease funding by over a billion dollars. They are blocking a policy that would allow Medicaid to cover out-of-State care essential for families with children or loved ones with this rare condition, especially since so few hospitals specialize in rare diseases.

Shane lives in Cincinnati, so he has Cincinnati Children's Hospital, but with these cuts, services at Children's will be undermined.

Shane told me recently: I want to use whatever time I have left to help others with this and other rare diseases.

I just wanted to come to the floor today to thank Shane. We are fighting for him and we are fighting with him and every family facing these terrible decisions with these healthcare cuts.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION OVERSIGHT

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to yet another decision by the Trump administration that puts Americans' lives at risk.

On April 1, 2025, almost the entire Division of Blood Disorders and Public Health Genomics, a department of the CDC established to combat blood infections in the wake of the AIDS epidemic, was placed on administrative leave.

This decision to eliminate this division was, of course, made by the Elon Musk Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE.

Now, people with blood disorders across the United States will have to worry about contaminated blood transfusions. They will also be left wondering whether critical research to prevent and treat their conditions will be abandoned, and they will have to reckon with the fact that the same government that swore to help them turned its back on them, all so Republicans can find more money to give billionaires new tax breaks.

Vital programs like the Division of Blood Disorders should not be subject to political games, and those suffering from blood disorders should not have to fear that a blood transfusion will kill them.

Defunding the CDC puts lives at risk, and staff put on administrative leave should be reinstated immediately.

CLEAN AIR ISN'T A PARTISAN ISSUE

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support California's right to clean air. Growing up in southern California in the 1980s, smog alerts were a regular part of life. A lap around the track at school and your chest would burn. We can't go back to those days.

When President Richard Nixon signed the Federal Clean Air Act in 1970, California, under Governor Ronald Reagan, was given a waiver, letting us set stricter air pollution rules than the Federal Government.

Over the years, Republican and Democratic leaders alike, from Gov-

ernors Reagan to Jerry Brown to Arnold Schwarzenegger, stood together to protect California's right to clean up our air. Now House Republicans are trying to strip away California's ability to set our own air pollution standards. So much for State's rights.

After all the progress we have made, they want to turn back the clock and do the bidding of the big polluters.

Clean air is not a partisan issue. It is a public health issue, and I will never stop fighting to protect it.

CELEBRATING GRAND OPENING OF WAYMAN D. PALMER YMCA

(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 with immense joy and gratitude to celebrate the upcoming grand opening of the new Wayman Palmer YMCA in Toledo, Ohio. The event dedication will take place on May 12.

This new facility is more than a building; it is a beacon for enjoyment, a hub for our community, and a promise to our children, families, and neighbors that community life thrives in the heart of Toledo.

For decades, the Wayman Palmer YMCA has been a pillar of the Warren Sherman neighborhood. With this new state-of-the-art facility, Federal funds attracted local funds, and I thank Mayor Kapszukiewicz for joining in this great effort. The YMCA will reaffirm our commitment to the health, wellness, and future of the heart of our community.

This center will not only offer world-class fitness and recreation; it will also provide vital programs for youth development, mentorship, and enrichment. Every child who walks through those doors knows they are welcome.

I congratulate the city of Toledo and feel greatly honored to be able to join with all of the councilmembers and citizens for the upcoming groundbreaking. It will bring renewed hope with the dawn of spring, and I hope to be a party to planting new trees around the region and to celebrate the beginning of spring 2025.

I congratulate all.

CALL FOR RESTORATION OF GLOBAL EMERGENCY FOOD AID FUNDING

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the third time to call for funding for global emergency food aid to be restored.

For years, USAID funded the production of ready-to-use therapeutic foods at Edesia Nutrition in my district. The food that was manufactured there has been shipped across the developing world, saving the lives of 25 million