

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

children since 2010, until funding for new orders was halted by the Trump administration earlier this year.

This is not just about saving lives. This food aid has also strengthened America's national security and commercial interests. In the same country where this ready-to-use food has saved the lives of children, the United States relies on cooperation on a range of issues from counterterrorism to access to critical minerals.

When the administration pulled back on this food aid, China and our other adversaries were happy to swoop in to win hearts and minds across the developing world.

Our Nation is safer and more competitive as a result of our goodwill toward others.

So I rise the third time to urge the White House and my colleagues in Congress to restore funding to protect America's global leadership.

NEW FEDERAL ECONOMIC DATA

(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, new Federal economic data came out yesterday, and it showed that in the last 3 months, the U.S. economy shrank by 0.3 percent. This is a sharp reversal from the 2.4 percent growth the economy experienced in the last quarter of 2024. This now is the worst economy that a President has had in their first 100 days since President Nixon.

Despite promises candidate Trump made that he would lower costs on day one, prices remain high, and, in fact, it is expected that prices could rise by 6.5 percent by year's end. Trump policies are why prices remain high, even though he has tried to pin this on former President Biden.

The red light, green light tariff policies have caused uncertainty in all sectors of our economy as well as internationally. Wall Street and Main Street alike have been sending signals for weeks that they do not like or trust those economic plans. The stock market has dropped almost 9 percent and lost \$4.5 trillion in wealth. This is hurting everyday Americans, including people in Westchester and the Bronx.

President Trump is the President now. It is his economy to own and fix.

REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF CHATHAM, ILLINOIS, CAR CRASH

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims of the horrific car crash that occurred in Chatham, Illinois, on Monday afternoon: Alma Buhnerkempe, Kathryn Corley, Ainsley Johnson, and Rylee Britton.

As we mourn the four children killed in this unthinkable tragedy, it is hard

to find the words to describe the magnitude of our grief. It is a loss that no parent, no family should ever have to endure.

Please join me in praying for them and for the swift recovery of those who were injured.

I am grateful to the first responders who rushed to the scene and for the school staff, faith leaders, and volunteers who have stepped up to assist our community in the aftermath.

As we struggle to come to terms with this loss in the days and weeks ahead, I pray that our community can continue to lean on each other and begin to heal.

REMEMBERING MOLLY McGOVERN

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible individual who has taken from this world far too soon, my dear friend, Molly McGovern, the daughter of our colleague Congressman JIM McGOVERN and his beautiful wife, Lisa, and the sister of her very delightful brother, Patrick.

I love all of the McGovern, but Molly was special. Molly was very much my friend and someone who I loved watching live life. Despite a very rare cancer diagnosis, Molly's light just shined so bright. She made me, even as a Member of Congress, feel special.

I watched her go abroad. I let her push me to do fun things, spending every single night of the Democratic Convention with her and her parents.

Molly is going to be so missed, but her memory and her impact and who she was as an individual will live on.

We will take care of her brother, we will watch out for her parents, and I will continue to toast her with an Aperol spritz.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

MAY 1, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 4703(b) of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Act (20 U.S.C. 4703), I am pleased to appoint the following Member to the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation:

Rep. JOHN B. LARSON of Connecticut
Best Regards,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

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A MESSAGE TO THE CABINET

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. GREEN of

Texas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. Still I rise with my cane in hand. So feared, this cane, by many of my colleagues across the aisle. It is feared to the extent that they would conclude that it might be more than a cane. Yet, that is simply what it is, Mr. Speaker.

I rise with my cane in hand because it is the staff and rod that comforts me. I rise with my cane in hand because, quite frankly, I just believe I have the right to have a cane.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on several different topics. As a result, I will move from one podium to another to present these various topics.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the issue of fidelity to sycophancy emanating from the Presidency—fidelity to sycophancy emanating from the Presidency.

I just recently saw—and many of you saw it, as well—Members of the Cabinet, persons meeting with the President in the Oval Office. I never thought I would see persons holding such high and lofty positions pledging fealty not to the Presidency as much as to sycophancy—fealty. It was just unbelievable. The only time I saw anything similar to this was when I was in Communist China and I was with a group of very young children, babies who were maybe 5 or 6 years old at most, and they were all seated in a line. They all behaved in a similar fashion when called upon.

I saw persons with lofty positions, each of them there, I thought, to give the President a report about conditions related to their various areas of expertise and the departments that they are associated with. That is what I thought.

Silly me. They were there to pledge their fealty on national TV to the President of the United States of America. It was a sad sight to see each person telling the President how great you are.

Dear brothers and sisters—and I say “brothers and sisters” because I think we are all related, one race, the human race. Dear friends, Mr. Secretary of State, Madam Attorney General, don't let him steal your self-respect. Don't let him take your decency, as it relates to your humanity, from you. You are allowing him to reduce you to a less-than.

I will speak for you. Mr. President, you are demeaning the humanity of the people who are in service to this country. I will speak for them and tell you that, if I were in that room, I would walk out. I would not sit there and allow you to demean me in that fashion.

At some point, you have to grow the spine, those of you who were in that room. Grow the spine. Grow the will, and grow the determination to stand up. Be the person your family expects you to be. Be the person the country wants you to be and needs you to be.