

To those who knew him, Chip never met a person who didn't become a friend, and once a friend, you were always a friend. Community members just describe him as one great guy.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Chip's wife of nearly 20 years, Barbara; to his entire family; and to the Harford Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Speaker, I thank them all for their service.

May God bless his soul.

#### NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL: THE LYONS FIRE

(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 to celebrate the members of Ohio's Lyons-Royalton Fire Department, a pillar of the Lyons community.

Firefighters recently saved the life of a local man while responding to a fire call. Homeowners Barb and Steve Bates reported a fire that had sparked in the woods. When the fire crew arrived, they contained the fire with the help of Mr. Bates, who then, sadly, experienced cardiac arrest.

Firefighter and EMT Tim Ellithorpe, Fire Chief Devon Kelble, and Lyons Fire Chief Zachary Miramontes launched into action, performing life-saving efforts. They succeeded.

This illustrates how our brave first responders will always answer the call.

In honor of the bravery of all first responders lost in the line of duty and recognizing National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend, let us celebrate those who are sworn to serve and to their dedication to public service to others.

As members of our community who have made great sacrifices, first responders truly are the backbone of public safety. They are the heroes and heroes of our northwest Ohio community.

#### EXPANDING SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, my district has more Social Security recipients than 87 percent of the congressional districts nationwide. Back home I heard a clear, urgent message from seniors. They are scared because Social Security and Medicaid are not luxuries. They are lifelines.

They are earned benefits, not handouts, and now they are at great risk because DOGE-led staff cuts are making it impossible to get through and are breaking the agency.

I introduced the Social Security Expansion Act with Representative SCHAKOWSKY, Senator SANDERS, and Senator WARREN because we believe in protecting the promise of Social Security is our duty.

Our bill would increase benefits by over \$2,400 a year and extend the life of the program by 75 years, all without costing 91 percent of Americans one cent more.

We owe that to the seniors who built this country and to future generations who deserve the same dignity in retirement.

#### MOURNING MARSHAUN FUTRELL, JR.

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, another child in the St. Louis region is gone too early.

Marshaun Futrell, Jr., was 11 years old. He was a football star, a big brother, and a son. Monday night this 11-year-old was yet another victim of senseless gun violence.

Across the St. Louis region, 20 children have been shot since the beginning of 2025. This is not just a crisis, it is a collapse of our responsibility to protect our children.

Gun violence is ripping through our neighborhoods, and if we truly believe in public safety, then we must start treating it like what it is: a public health emergency.

That means commonsense gun reform, investments in trauma-informed care, and asking ourselves: How many more funerals before we decide enough is enough?

To the families who have suffered the unspeakable tragedy of losing a loved one, I hear you, I see you, and I will not stop fighting for the change we are long overdue for.

#### WE HAVE A SHARED HUMANITY

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, bigotry and hate threaten our mutual safety, and they deny our interconnectedness.

Yet, from the murder of Wadee Alfayuomi in Illinois to the recent attack on celebrants during the Assyrian New Year Parade in Iraq to the persecution of Ukrainian Christians by Russian occupation forces, so many of our neighbors at home and abroad live with vulnerability and insecurity as they endure the dangers of religious and ethnic persecution within their own communities.

It is important that these incidents, though only a fraction of the examples we have of the destructive force of hate are confronted and placed on the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Congress must renew its commitment to root out hate-fueled violence that violates our neighbors' safety, their dignity, and their rights because of their ethnicity, religion, or beliefs.

A more just, peaceful, and loving world that recognizes our diversity and

honors our shared humanity is, in fact, possible.

#### HONORING MARY ROSE WILCOX

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

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor local Phoenix trail-blazer and community leader, Mary Rose Wilcox.

As the first Hispanic woman ever elected to the Phoenix City Council and Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Mary Rose spent her career in public service standing up for our vibrant immigrant and Latino communities and lifting up underserved neighborhoods like south Phoenix, the west valley, and Grant Park.

Even in her retirement, she and her husband Earl continue to bring the community together, utilizing their restaurant, El Portal, as a gathering space for advocacy and organizing.

She has been a huge inspiration to me in my career. More than anything, Mary Rose shows all of us what it means to be a fighter. Despite having faced discrimination, threats, and even violence, Mary Rose stands tall as an example of the resilient spirit of Phoenix.

I was so glad to see Mary Rose recently honored with a ceremonial street sign at Second Avenue and Grant Street, now named Mary Rose Wilcox Way. This weekend, I was honored to attend the celebration for the new Mary Rose Wilcox Health Center in Grant Park.

Mr. Speaker, I thank her for her service and kindness.

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the Trump administration's proposal to gut the National Institutes of Health.

Put simply, NIH's work is the difference between life and death for millions of Americans. Almost everyone knows someone who has lost a loved one to cancer or Alzheimer's, and cutting NIH funding will halt progress on developing cures for these diseases, just as we are on the cusp of once-in-a-generation advancements.

Mr. Speaker, 99 percent of all FDA-approved therapies between 2010 and 2019 were tied to NIH-funded science. Thanks to its research, heart disease deaths dropped 75 percent over the past 40 years.

If the majority wants to have a debate about whether it is worth curing diseases, then let's have it. I invite my colleagues to explain to their constituents why they are against fighting cancer or Alzheimer's.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to reject those devastating cuts and stand up for the well-being of the American people.

#### TAX CUTS AND CREDITS

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, we are on the final couple of weeks, the home stretch, with regard to our big, beautiful bill. There are going to be a lot of debates as to what we should do. Some people actually want to expand programs which, in our current crisis, is unbelievable for a Republican to do.

However, I am going to address which tax cuts we have. Different tax cuts do different things. We have tax credits to encourage manufacturing. We have tax credits to encourage more work. We have tax credits to encourage more research. We have tax cuts to encourage more children.

However, there are some people who want tax cuts to encourage State and local governments to spend more money and raise taxes.

When I was home over the weekend, I talked to one of my county executives. He said: GLENN, don't let it happen.

He is a conservative county executive, and he is trying to hold down the spending on the county level, and here the people in Washington are talking about encouraging more State and local taxes.

Please, Mr. Speaker, stand up and fight. Do not encourage our State and local governments to raise taxes.

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#### KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MEDICAID

(Ms. BARRAGÁN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, don't believe the lies. House Republicans are trying to pass a budget that kicks people off healthcare.

Today, the Congressional Budget Office released an analysis that Republicans' proposals that they are considering would slash Medicaid spending that would lead to millions of people losing healthcare coverage.

Behind every Medicaid recipient is a person whose life depends on it.

Brian Gutierrez, a constituent from South Gate, California, lives with spina bifida, a lifelong disability. He says: For many of us, these cuts are not abstract numbers. They are the difference between stability and crisis, between life and death. I am healthy today because Medicaid stood by me. I am thriving because I have had consistent, reliable access to the care I need.

Medicaid makes independence possible. It makes survival possible. It makes dignity possible. Any threat to Medicaid is a threat to our lives.

The Republican budget is a threat to millions of lives. That is why House

Democrats are fighting to protect Medicaid.

Please, keep your hands off Medicaid.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 7, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on May 7, 2025, at 2:50 p.m., said to contain a message from the President on the Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Central African Republic.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Clerk of the House.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-48)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond May 12, 2025.

The situation in and in relation to the Central African Republic, which has been marked by a breakdown of law and order; intersectoral tension; widespread violence and atrocities; and the pervasive, often forced recruitment and use of child soldiers, including widespread violence and atrocities committed by Kremlin-linked entities such as the Wagner Group, threatens the peace, security, or stability of the Central African Republic and neighboring states, and continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign pol-

icy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13667.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 7, 2025.

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Syria's lack of structure and limited governance capability with respect to chemical weapons and combatting terrorist organizations continue to pose