

upcoming National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Young Cattlemen's Conference as the representative from Ohio Cattlemen's Association.

Madam Speaker, Ohio is so proud of Garrett and thankful for all that he does and that his fellow farmers do for America.

UPHOLDING THE OATH OF OFFICE

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

Ms. BALINT. Madam Speaker, it has been 5 days since President Trump, when asked if he had to uphold the Constitution, told a reporter: "I don't know."

Madam Speaker, it has been 5 days of silence from my Republican colleagues. I keep waiting to see if a single Republican will speak up about this and denounce this horrifying remark.

My Republican colleagues: What has happened to you? You know that, if Obama or Clinton or Biden had said such an outrageous thing, you would be tripping over yourselves to get in front of the cameras. Yet, now, in this moment, you say nothing and you do nothing.

I was at the inauguration. I saw all of you. We sat together and watched the President swear his oath of office to uphold the Constitution.

I am pleading with you to speak up. Your fear is keeping you so small, and it is to the detriment of our country and our constitutional democracy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EZELL). Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

CONGRATULATING PULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL'S SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

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

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Pullman High School's science bowl team for their outstanding performance in the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl held in Washington, D.C., on April 28.

Representing eastern Washington, these exceptional students, Sahil Ganjyal, Jack Carper, Leon Liu, Kevin Chi, and Nathan Kostenko, earned their spot at nationals by winning the Inland Northwest Regional Science Bowl this spring.

At the competition, they joined 63 of their top high school teams from across the country to compete in one of the most prestigious science competitions in the Nation. This team from Pullman not only showcased their talent on the national stage, but they reminded us why it matters to invest in STEM education and to recognize young people who are willing to push themselves, think deeply, and work together in the pursuit of excellence.

They have made their fellow Pullman Greyhounds proud, including myself,

which includes their families and all of eastern Washington. I offer my heartfelt congratulations and encourage them to keep reaching higher. Their future and ours is bright.

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COMMENDING LEADERSHIP OF BRYCE GROSSMAN

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend students across California's 19th Congressional District who participate in the Day of Silence. This is a day in which we highlight discrimination and harassment of LGBTQ students in our schools all across the country.

This year, I will feature the leadership of Bryce Grossman, an eighth grader from Santa Cruz, who founded and is organizing the We Will Not Be Erased walk on May 13, a demonstration to defend and remind us about the rights of the LGBTQ community.

With encouragement from their parents, Amy and Kevin, Bryce is furthering our democracy by stepping up and speaking up. As Bryce said: "We will be loud. We will be proud—for our rights, for our families, and for our LGBTQ community."

Mr. Speaker, the actions of Bryce and all students and allies on the Day of Silence demonstrate that our youth understand that when we engage, that is how we endure as a community, as a country, and, most importantly, as a democracy based on liberty, justice, and equality for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Matthew Hanley, one of his secretaries.

HONORING DEPUTY LUCAS WATTS

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

Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as we approach law enforcement week, I rise today to honor a young man whose story reminds us not only of courage but of God's grace.

Nearly 2 years ago, Deputy Lucas Watts of Oconee County was shot in the line of duty during a traffic stop. At just 27 years old, he came face-to-face with death, and by every account, it is nothing short of a miracle that he survived.

Thanks to the quick action of his fellow deputies, the prayers of an entire community, and the healing hand of the Lord, Deputy Watts is still with us today. He is a devoted husband, a loving father, and a faithful public servant. Last year, he was named Deputy of

the Year by the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association.

Through hardship and healing, Deputy Watts has remained a powerful example of faith, perseverance, and service.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Deputy Watts, his family, and every law enforcement officer who puts their life on the line each day. We thank them, see them, and lift them up in prayer. May God continue to bless Deputy Watts and all who wear the badge.

MEDICAID IS NOT A HANDOUT

(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, House Republicans' all-out attack on Medicaid is morally indefensible.

In my district alone, over 255,000 Oregonians, including 59 percent of our children, rely on Medicaid for life-saving care.

These aren't just numbers. They are the cancer patients fighting for their lives, children with disabilities getting essential support, and seniors reliant on long-term care.

Republicans want to slash hundreds of billions of dollars from the Medicaid committee, gutting healthcare for the most vulnerable, while billionaires and corporations get another payday.

As a critical care physician, I know what this means. Without Medicaid, patients go without preventive care. They get sicker. They defer lifesaving medications. Too often, they don't survive.

Medicaid is not a handout. It is a lifeline. Cutting it to fund tax breaks for the ultrawealthy is unconscionable because healthcare is a human right. It is not a bargaining chip.

Oregon won't stand for these cuts, and neither will I.

CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP OF SUE ADLER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Sue Adler, whose leadership at the Historic Savannah Foundation has left a permanent mark on our city's preservation efforts.

After 6 years at the helm, we reflect on her unwavering commitment to preserving Savannah's architectural treasures and historical narratives.

Under Ms. Adler's guidance, HSF has flourished. Ms. Adler's work includes repurposing the Historic Kennedy Pharmacy as the Davenport House Museum Shop, ensuring that Savannah's rich past remains alive for future generations.

Ms. Adler's leadership has helped preserve the buildings, stories, and communities that define Savannah. As she

transitions to her new role at the Savannah Historic Initiatives, we thank her for her service. Her legacy will undoubtedly continue to shape our city's preservation journey, and we look forward to the continued success of Historic Savannah Foundation as it moves into the future.

ILLEGAL FIRINGS COULD DEVASTATE OREGON

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

Ms. SALINAS. Madam Speaker, I rise to sound the alarm about the Trump administration's reported plans to fire nearly 7,000 workers in the U.S. Forest Service.

These illegal firings could have devastating consequences for Oregon.

Wildfire season is just around the corner, and there is concern that the Forest Service won't actually have enough staff and resources to fight these deadly blazes, putting countless Oregonians at risk.

Fewer workers also means fewer people to care for our public lands and less money coming into our local economies. It means taxpayer dollars, which go to recruit and train these highly skilled individuals, will lose out on their investment.

That is why my colleagues and I sent a letter to Secretary Rollins and President Trump, demanding the reinstatement of all Forest Service personnel who have been illegally fired. Luckily, our letter resulted in some workers being reinstated, but the threat of more terminations remains.

Our public servants deserve better. The American people deserve better.

Madam Speaker, I won't be silent as the administration continues to wreak havoc on our country, on our forest, and on our people. With or without my Republican colleagues, I will continue to fight for our vulnerable communities.

RECOGNIZING ALEX KELEDJIAN

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

Mrs. KIM. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and thank my operations director, Alex Keledjian, for his 4 years of service in the House of Representatives, and this is Alex's son, Anthony.

Alex's dedicated work ethic and sharp sense of humor have made him an integral part of our team, keeping me and my office on track, smiling, and teaching us Armenian history along the way.

While he was working around the clock in my office during the past 4 years, he has also been a part-time law school student and devoted husband, father, and dear friend.

Madam Speaker, my team will not be the same without him, but we are ex-

cited for him as he embarks on this next chapter in his career as a lawyer back home in Los Angeles. I know I will continue to see him, so we will be cheering for him every step of the way. "Good luck"; "Shnorhavor."

RECOGNIZING MAMIE HOFFER AND JASON FUTRELL OF HOFFER FLOW CONTROLS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mamie Hoffer and Jason Futrell of Hoffer Flow Controls in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, the United States Small Business Administration's Small Business Persons of the Year for North Carolina.

During National Small Business Week, we are honored to recognize incredible entrepreneurs such as Mamie and Jason, whose company, Hoffer Flow Controls, exemplifies innovation and resilience, demonstrating positive economic impact in an economically distressed region.

Hoffer Flow Controls, a world-class manufacturer of industrial turbine flow meters for measuring liquids and gases, has been a pillar for northeastern North Carolina for more than 50 years. Their flow control solutions are used in industries like aerospace, defense, power, cryogenics, and more.

Hoffer Flow's success is a testament to what small businesses can achieve with vision, hard work, and a commitment to excellence.

Madam Speaker, Mamie and Jason are commended for their well-deserved honor and for perfecting the art of measurement.

RECOGNIZING HARD WORKERS DRIVING OUR ECONOMY

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of National Small Business Week, a time to recognize the hardworking men and women who are the engines of our economy.

As a former small business owner myself, I know the long hours, risks, and deep sense of responsibility that come with signing both sides of a paycheck. Small businesses are more than storefronts. They are job creators, community anchors, and the heart of America.

In Indiana's Ninth District, small businesses like Lincks Clothing and Shoes, Brownstown Electric, and Lischke Motors are strengthening our communities one investment, one hire, and one customer at a time.

That is why I am committed to cutting government red tape, lowering taxes, and fighting for pro-growth policies that empower our entrepreneurs to thrive, not just survive.

Madam Speaker, I thank every small business owner out there for all they do. This week and every week, I am here for them.

CONSTITUENT OF THE WEEK: JOE CLONTZ

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Madam Speaker, during this Small Business Week, it is my honor to recognize Joe Clontz on his receipt of the John L. Stanley Award from the Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

This award is given to those who are committed to going above and beyond to support Orange County's business community.

Through Joe's business of providing critical electrical services to the residents of Orange, he has built a legacy of hard work. What makes him so deserving of this award is not just what he does at work. It is the time and energy he devotes to strengthening our community. He has helped grow local businesses and create new opportunities for the people of Orange County.

During Small Business Week, I am honored to congratulate him on this well-earned award and recognize him as this week's Constituent of the Week.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Joe and offer my best wishes to him on continued success.

RECOGNIZING BM1 BRADLEY WALKER AND MK1 JAMES LANG

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

Mr. EZELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two exceptional members of the United States Coast Guard from Port Security Unit 308 in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Boatswain's Mate First Class Bradley Walker has been awarded the Commander Ray Evans Outstanding Coxswain Trophy, one of the highest honors given to a Coast Guard boat operator. His leadership, skill, and commitment to mission excellence represent the very best in service.

Alongside him, Machinery Technician First Class James Lang has earned the Fireman First Class Paul Clark Outstanding Engineer Award, a national recognition of his outstanding technical expertise and dedication to keeping his unit mission-ready.

These two Mississippians embody the core values of the Coast Guard: honor, respect, and devotion to duty. I am incredibly proud to represent them and PSU 308 in Congress. Their service makes our Nation stronger and our Gulf Coast proud.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate and thank BM1 Walker and MK1 Lang for their service.