

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.

RECOGNIZING GLADYS AND NELSON GONZALEZ

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

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak for my constituents, Gladys and Nelson Gonzalez.

Thirty-five years ago, they came to the United States from Colombia in search of a better life. They tried to file for asylum but received bad legal advice from a now-disbarred attorney.

Nelson and Gladys Gonzalez raised three daughters in Laguna Niguel, California, worked hard, paid taxes, and never got so much as a traffic ticket.

For decades, they checked in with ICE voluntarily and were allowed to stay in the country, but this past February, while at their ICE appointment, they were detained, separated, and deported.

Why was a family with no criminal history, no gang affiliation, three children, and a new grandchild a priority for deportation? We should be using our resources to remove dangerous individuals, not those contributing positively to our society and to our economy, not people like Nelson and Gladys Gonzalez.

I am all for a secure border, but what we are seeing today is not the America that I know.

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FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the MIL-FMLA act, legislation that honors the sacrifices of our military families and veterans by ensuring they receive the family and medical leave protections they deserve. I am honored to co-lead this bipartisan legislation with Congresswoman MCCLAIN DELANEY.

Too often, the loved ones of our servicemembers are left behind without adequate support when duty calls. The MIL-FMLA act fixes this by extending the Family and Medical Leave Act benefits to family members of the National Guard and Reserve troops, recognizing the unique burdens they bear when their loved ones are deployed.

This act also extends these same protections to our veterans and their families, ensuring they can take the time they need to care for their health without fear of losing their jobs. This is not just about fairness, it is about readiness. When families are supported at home, our servicemembers can focus on the mission.

As the proud Representative of Guam, where service to our Nation runs deep, I urge my colleagues to stand with our military families and pass this bill without delay.

MEDICAL DEBTS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

Ms. SCHRIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to encourage the House to take up and pass my bill, the Purchased and Referred Care Improvement Act.

This bill works to correct an all-too-common occurrence, which is that Tribal members are referred to collection agencies because the Indian Health Service failed to pay its bills.

Sometimes Tribal members utilizing the Indian Health Service will be referred to an outside specialist or another provider, and this is what is known as purchased and referred care. IHS is still responsible for the payment of this care but all too often fails to follow through on that obligation. These unpaid bills often lead to Tribal members paying those themselves and being saddled with medical debt that they should never have incurred in the first place.

Chairman Jarred Erickson and members of the Colville Tribe came and visited my office. We talked about this, and they brought it to my attention. Colville Tribal members have been hounded by debt collection agencies for bills that the Indian Health Service failed to pay.

This bill would ensure that this never happens again and that Tribal members will not be burdened with IHS' debts or saddled with medical debt. I thank Chairman Erickson and the Colville Tribe for their advocacy, and I encourage the House to pass this bill.

HIGH-COST RAIL IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, in California, we have this high-speed rail project. I call it high-cost rail because it has become a symbol of runaway spending and is, indeed, a complete boondoggle.

Back when the original bond was passed in 2008 by a narrow margin by the voters of California, it was about a \$9 billion bond. The rail was supposed to be a total cost of \$33 billion from San Francisco to L.A. It has ballooned up to \$130 billion in projected costs, and that was 17 years ago. So far there is hardly any infrastructure that has been built.

What do you have? Over 17 years they have managed to raise about \$17 billion from cap-and-trade tax in California and two different disbursements from Democratic Presidencies. In 17 years—check this—they have raised \$17 billion. They are short \$110 billion to complete the project. Not only that, they are at least 25 years behind. It was supposed to have been done by 2020, and now they project, maybe we will have the first segment from Merced to a

town called Shafter, somewhere near Bakersfield, done by maybe 2035 or 2040.

They are going to come back to D.C. for more money. Not a chance. This thing needs to be stopped and put it into infrastructure that people need, like freeways and stuff like that.

CONGRATULATING MATRIX M3 INDOOR PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

(Mrs. SYKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SYKES. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Matrix M3 indoor percussion ensemble as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champions of the Week.

Last month, the M3 percussion ensemble performed at the WGI World Championships. After their preliminary performance left them just two points in the lead, M3 gave it their all in the finals, securing the first place prize. They are now world champions in the Scholastic Independent division after earning a final and near-perfect score.

The WGI Championship was the final competition in the Matrix M3 percussion ensemble's busy season, after competing in seven different contests across the Midwest. The group is a perfect example of why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is known as the birthplace of champions. I look forward to seeing all that they accomplish in the future.

Once again, I congratulate the Matrix M3 indoor percussion ensemble for bringing home this gold medal. Our community is so very proud of their hard work and incredible talent.

THANKING W. KAMAU BELL FOR HIS GENEROUS DONATION TO OAKLAND SCHOOLS

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

Ms. SIMON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to address the House to celebrate my constituent, W. Kamau Bell, who won "Celebrity Jeopardy!" It is a pretty cool thing. Not only did he win "Celebrity Jeopardy!" but as a constituent who has lived in my district in Oakland, California, since the 1990s, he has consistently given back philanthropically to young people and underserved communities, again for almost 30 years.

After winning "Celebrity Jeopardy!" just recently, he gave a million dollars—the full winnings—back to the community, specifically to the school district in Oakland, California. His donation has supported over 200 projects in Oakland schools, including Castlemont High School.

Just recently, I visited Castlemont High School and met with these amazing students, who are full of potential. These students are not only the future,