

These terminations decimated the important work of the Women's Bureau, including programs to support survivors of gender-based violence and Women in Apprenticeship and Non-traditional Occupations, which has successfully expanded pathways for women to enter the workforce and lead in all industries, including the trades.

A Department of Labor spokesperson claimed that the Women's Bureau funds discriminatory DEI experiments. I would like to know why exactly they think helping women enter and succeed in the workforce is a discriminatory DEI experiment. Canceling more than \$20 million in congressionally authorized funds is both illegal and unconstitutional, and we must hold DOGE and Secretary Chavez-DeRemer accountable.

Congress established the Women's Bureau 2 months before women officially gained the right to vote, 105 years ago this year. Instead of celebrating its achievements and recognizing the benefits of these grant programs, the Trump administration is trying to send us backward in time, harming millions of women in the process.

Mr. Speaker, I am not going back. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to stand with me in support of the Women's Bureau and the crucial opportunities and protections it provides for women in the workforce.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
AND SPRAGUE HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and congratulate two high school teams on their recent cochampionship win of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition.

Run by the Center for Civic Education, this competition tests the knowledge of high school students from around the country about the U.S. Constitution and American Government. Students display understanding about historical and contemporary constitutional issues, and their breadth of knowledge is incredibly impressive.

I am proud to report that both top teams are from public high schools in Oregon. Lincoln High School and Sprague High School won the national competition in Virginia after competing at the State level and then spending 3 days here in the D.C. metro area at the finals answering tough questions with confidence, intelligence, and grace.

Both teams showed deep knowledge of constitutional law and U.S. history, and this year we saw something amazing. The average team size is 21 students, but the Sprague team had only two. Impressively, the Lincoln team was mostly sophomores, but they all worked hard and it showed. A scoring anomaly resulted in both the Sprague and Lincoln teams earning the title of cochampions for the first time in the competition's history.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Center for Civic Education for making this oppor-

tunity available. I also thank the teachers and coaches who worked with the teams and these impressive students for giving us hope for the future at a time when it is desperately needed.

Please join me in congratulating Lincoln High School and Sprague High School on their cochampionship win of We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition.

HONORING SERGEANT MIKE
ANDERSON

(Mr. KILEY of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, in honor of National Police Week, I wish to recognize and honor Sergeant Mike Anderson of the Roseville Police Department for his unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the Roseville community.

Sergeant Anderson has had an extraordinary 29-year career in law enforcement with 21 of those years dedicated to the Roseville Police Department. Throughout his tenure, he has held numerous roles, including assignments in patrol, the crime suppression unit, and SWAT. He has also served as investigations sergeant, patrol sergeant, and rangemaster and instructor. In addition to his daily responsibilities, Sergeant Anderson has been a cornerstone of the Roseville-Rocklin Regional SWAT team for over 20 years, with 15 of those years as SWAT team leader.

Sergeant Anderson is known for his expertise and for being a calm, capable leader in moments of crisis. He motivates through action, leads by example, and consistently places the well-being and performance of his team above all else.

Through his skillful training and leadership, the SWAT team has experienced two decades of success through many critical incidents. The caliber of guidance and mentorship he offers is so exceptional that many officers intentionally choose to remain on the night shifts that he oversees, despite challenging hours, to work and learn under his direction. His influence and the confidence that he inspires among others has shaped generations of officers who have had the privilege of working alongside him.

Sergeant Anderson has strengthened the Roseville Police force and our community is safer as a result of his commitment to the department.

Sergeant Anderson will soon be retiring as the senior, most serving sergeant in the outstanding Roseville Police Department, which is a testament to his dedication, integrity, professionalism, and leadership. It is an honor to represent exemplary individuals like Sergeant Mike Anderson.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of California's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I thank and honor Sergeant An-

derson for his nearly three decades of serving and protecting the region as a dedicated public servant.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

(Ms. PEREZ of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the local law enforcement officers of southwest Washington who work around the clock to protect our community.

During my time in Congress, I have made it a priority to do ride-alongs and roundtables with local law enforcement and other first responders across the district to see firsthand their work and dedication.

These men and women don't have the luxury to view the fentanyl crisis in academic or sanitized terms. They see it in its most brutal, human scale.

I have also had the opportunity to see how we are training and supporting the next generation of officers. In August of last year, I toured the new law enforcement training center located in Clark County in my district. One of the first questions I asked the room was how many of them had children under the age of 5, and about half the room raised their hand. This makes sense, right, because they are at the beginning of their careers.

Before this new regional training center opened, these recruits would have to travel across the State, away from their families, for 5 months to complete the basic law enforcement training academy course. Now they can train closer to home, which is a game changer for recruits with new families.

The work done by law enforcement is exhausting and dangerous, yet absolutely critical. I am committed to ensuring Congress does its part to support our law enforcement partners, but it can't stop with Congress.

Law enforcement officers and their families make huge sacrifices to serve our communities and often feel like their work isn't respected or is intentionally vilified by some. You cannot substitute respect with another Federal grant or program or initiative. We need a cultural shift that values and respects the sacrifices these officers and their families make.

Mr. Speaker, I thank sincerely all of our law enforcement officers, their spouses, their families, and the communities that support them in this incredibly patriotic and challenging calling. I assure them that their work does not go unappreciated.

RECOGNIZING CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize corrections officers who have one of the most difficult and stressful roles in our law enforcement.

I made it a priority to tour jails in my district, and the corrections officers I have met are patriotic professionals who perform an unseen and often thankless job under incredibly stressful circumstances.

When I asked these COs what their priorities are, how can I be useful, the first five times I asked the question, they kept telling me what their detainees need, what would make life better for their detainees.

Every day corrections officers see firsthand the starkest crises of our society. They deal with the most violent offenders, our most difficult mental health challenges, inmates who have been caught up in the national fentanyl crisis, and people who have generally fallen through the cracks of society.

Every day they do the hard and necessary work that makes our judicial system function and receive little to no respect or gratitude from society. It should not surprise anyone, given all this, that they have a suicide rate seven times higher than the general population and an average life expectancy of only 59 years. This is an indictment against our country.

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Mr. Speaker, we must do more to support and recognize the role that corrections officers play in our communities. I, therefore, rise today to recognize and thank our corrections officers across my district for the difficult work they do and urge Congress and policymakers not to forget these law enforcement heroes.

RECOGNIZING SKAMANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE SEARCH AND RESCUE

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the work that the Skamania County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team does in my community.

Skamania County is home to the Columbia River Gorge, the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and Mount St. Helens. Though the population of our rural county is only about 12,000, the natural beauty of my home county attracts recreational visitors from across the world.

Being in search and rescue is an unpredictable role, where you could get called to locate hikers who misread the map or relied on their phone or dig people out from an avalanche. Thus far, 2025 has been a record-setting year for search and rescue missions, with a 550 percent increase. Skamania Search and Rescue this year alone has saved an elderly woman with dementia who got lost wandering off the trail and a family with an infant who got stuck in the snow off-roading.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Skamania County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team for their dedication to ensure both residents and visitors of Skamania County are able to recreate safely in our beautiful country.

HONORING VANCOUVER POLICE OFFICER NICK
COPLEY

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recog-

nize Vancouver Police Officer Nick Copley. In addition to his service as a police officer, Nick Copley also served in the United States Navy.

When Officer Copley was deployed to Afghanistan, he was one of the two crane operators in his battalion. In this role, he was tasked with going to the areas where the Taliban had been pushed out, and his team would work to replace barriers with permanent concrete barriers around the base perimeter.

During his deployment, Officer Copley flew an American flag above a former Taliban base and flew that same flag from the base on September 11, 2010, and then brought it home with him. Three years later, on September 25, 2013, Officer Copley had the same American flag flown over the USS Arizona Memorial when he was stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Now a distinguished Naval officer, Officer Copley is retiring from the Navy. To recognize his service to this country, it is my honor to have that same American flag that he flew over the base in Afghanistan and Pearl Harbor flown over the U.S. Capitol.

I thank Officer Copley for dedicating himself to a career of service and representing what it means to serve his country and his community. I look forward to his continued service as a member of the Vancouver Police Department.

CONGRATULATING NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. PATRONIS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I wish a good morning to northwest Florida and rise to offer a special congratulations to the Northwest Florida State College women's basketball team.

On April 1, 2025—actually the same day that I was sworn into office—the Lady Raiders took on Alabama's Shelton State Buccaneers, and took home their third national championship in 5 years, with a final score of 62–53. Their overall record this season was 32–3, which is amazing, with a conference record of 10–2, and a proud 13–0 record at home.

It takes a lot of blood, sweat, and tears to make it to the top. Having a heart for the game and for your fellow teammates goes a very long way. I am very excited about the victory of this team and how they brought it home to northwest Florida.

Congratulations to Coach Bart Walker and his coaching staff for all their hard work and leading the team to victory and instilling in them the heart of champions. I congratulate the Northwest Florida State College State championship basketball team on a job very well done. Their incredible win is inspiring. They have made their community and the State of Florida very, very proud. God bless. Go Raiders.

REMEMBERING CAPTAIN ALLEN COLBY BRADY

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to represent more than 75,000 veterans that I represent in my district in northwest Florida. Florida serves as one of the most veteran-friendly States in the entire country.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow today that I acknowledge the passing and honor the memory of one of those great heroes, Captain Allen Colby Brady of Pensacola and his outstanding service to the United States.

Captain Brady lived as a resident of Pensacola off and on for nearly 50 years, becoming a permanent resident in 1994 after marrying his wife, Dianne, in 1994. Born in 1929 into a naval family, Captain Brady committed to attend the Naval Academy and become a pilot at just 8 years old. He fulfilled that vow after graduating from Annapolis in 1951 and earned his wings in Pensacola 2 years later.

He flew combat missions in Korea, survived nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific, participated in Cold War operations during the Taiwan Strait crisis, and then played a secret role in the Bay of Pigs invasion. He flew defense of freedom throughout the world.

However, his most harrowing test came in January 1967, when he was shot down over North Korea. Allen was captured and spent more than 6 years—that is 2,237 days—as a POW in the infamous Hanoi Hilton, enduring brutal torture, unimaginable conditions, and profound isolation. He never broke. He returned with honor.

After his release in 1973, Allen didn't retire quietly. He returned to Active Duty, ultimately commanding a major Navy training wing. Upon retiring in 1979, after 32 years of service, he set sail, literally, cruising the Florida coast, living out the promise that he and his fellow POWs made to embrace life fully if they ever got home.

However, Allen's service didn't stop there. In 1980, he made a daring, unauthorized voyage to Communist Cuba to rescue refugees during the Mariel boatlift, an act of moral courage that risked his freedom once again.

In later years, Allen became a speaker, mentor, and educator. He published a book of POW stories for schools, and he made personal classroom appearances. He also authored a memoir, "Witnessing the American Century," sharing insights from a life lived at the crossroads of world events.

Even in his nineties, Allen embraced new adventures as he continued to inspire students and veterans alike. Captain Brady exemplified the values of patriotism, courage, and honor.

In his words: "We will always need people who are willing to serve their country . . . willing to give their lives defending her." Allen Brady was not just such a person, he embodied that call.

God bless Captain Brady and his incredible life of service and sacrifice. Katie and I, all Floridians, and this Nation offer our thoughts and prayers to