

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

the Brady family as they celebrate his life. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATING LORIS GRISET
ACADEMY

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, let me first rise to welcome today our own Anaheim Police Department officers seated in the gallery. Thank you, gentlemen, for protecting our community. Thank you for being here. Thank you for taking an interest in congressional affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lorin Griset Academy in Santa Ana for being recognized as a Model Continuation High School by the California Department of Education.

Griset Academy helps prepare students to fulfill their potential both in class, as well as in future careers.

Join me in congratulating the dedicated staff and educators at Lorin Griset Academy for a great job in preparing Orange County's next generation of leaders.

HONORING SANTA ANA POLICE CHIEF ROBERT
RODRIGUEZ

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Police Week by honoring my very good friend, Santa Ana Police Chief Robert Rodriguez.

Chief Rodriguez was brought to the United States when he was 4 years old as an undocumented immigrant. He got his opportunity at the American Dream thanks to former California Governor and Republican President Ronald Reagan. He then served our country in the marines for 6 years through two wars.

Today, Chief Rodriguez is our Santa Ana chief of police. He fulfilled a lifelong dream of being an American and serving his great country.

He inspires our community. I thank him for his hard work. God bless him and God bless Santa Ana.

RECOGNIZING GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Goodwill Industries of Orange County for 100 years of service to our community.

Reverend John Winterbourne founded Goodwill Industries in Orange County, California, in 1924. His own home became the first clothing repair shop that expanded to include an as-is lot that essentially created Goodwill Industries throughout the country.

Please join me in thanking Goodwill Industries for 100 years of service and dedication to our community and to our Nation.

CONGRATULATING STUDENTS OF MAGNOLIA
SCIENCE ACADEMY

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students of Magnolia Science Academy in my district, who have achieved a tremendous milestone, qualifying for the VEX Robotics World Championship.

These students have shown that dedication and hard work does pay off.

They have earned the opportunity to compete on the international stage.

Join me in celebrating these remarkable young students as they prepare for the world championship in robotics.

RECOGNIZING BHARAT PATEL

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my very good friend, Mr. Bharat Patel, for his incredible career and contributions to our community.

In 1976, the Patel family purchased the original Peter Pan Motor Lodge in Anaheim, right across from Disneyland. Almost 50 years later, Mr. Patel's leadership has transformed this small hotel into the Castle Inn and Suites in Anaheim.

Mr. Patel is a business leader and philanthropist. He sits on the board of the California Lodging Industry Association, Visit Anaheim, and several colleges.

Bottom line, he is a Cal State Fullerton alumnus, a Titan, and I am proud of the positive changes Mr. Patel has brought to our community.

Recently, he was honored by Cypress College's Americana Awards as Citizen of the Year in Orange County. I thank Mr. Patel for his great work. He inspires and honors us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members that the rules do not allow references to persons in the gallery.

CONGRATULATING SALEM HIGH
SCHOOL

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of the Salem High School debate team, which recently claimed its second consecutive VHSL Class 4 State championship with a decisive 32-8 victory over Dominion High School. This victory marks the 20th State title for legendary Head Coach Mark Ingerson, 18 in speech and forensics and now 2 in debate.

Salem's dominance was on full display as the team captured individual State championships in three of four events. Senior captain Claire Rawlins led the way with a perfect 6-0 record in Lincoln-Douglas debate, tackling the timely question of artificial general intelligence. With four career State titles and a remarkable 29-3 record, Claire's leadership is unmatched.

In public forum, seniors U.V. Singh and Grayson Smith went undefeated, while sophomore Dylan Hancock earned Salem's first-ever congressional debate title with near-perfect speaker scores. Several other Spartans, including medalists Rebekah Steinweg, Luke Stovall, Kody Hinnant, and Abby Jones also delivered outstanding performances.

Also competing for Salem were Charlie Bain, 12th grade, and Nesa Garcia-Perez, 10th grade, in congressional debate, and Leah Johnson, 10th grade, and Ashley Toapanta, 10th grade, in

policy debate. Students London Basham, Harper Rocovich, and Caroline Loveday also competed admirably at the regional and State semifinal levels.

Special thanks go to Assistant Coach Rachel Wurster for her guidance and commitment to these students.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the Salem High School debate team for their achievements, integrity, and the example they set for academic excellence in Virginia and beyond.

CONGRATULATING THE SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Skyline High School wrestling team on winning the 2025 Class 3 State wrestling championship, the first State title in the school's history.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Kyle Symons and Assistant Coaches Joe DiVello, Brian Scott, Alan Kroh, Jon DiVello, and Josiah Huston, Skyline's 13 wrestlers delivered a historic performance, scoring 218 points and sending six athletes to the finals.

Congratulations to individual State champions Paden Alyea, Parker Withers, and Josiah Sykes. In addition to the State champions, medalists also included Jacob Buffum, Vinny DiVello, Joey DiVello, D.J. Mabie, Cody Salomon, and Carter Huston, with strong performances from Cody Davis, Aiden Boyles, Ryan Williams, and Tytus Drake.

Skyline defeated two-time defending champion Staunton River by 39.5 points, a testament to their talent, teamwork, and resilience.

Thanks to Coach Symons, his staff, and the incredible Front Royal community, Skyline has made history. I am proud to honor their achievements today.

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Congratulating the Spotswood High School Boys' Basketball Team

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredibly special achievement of the Spotswood High School Boys' basketball team, which captured the State championship title for the first time in 32 years.

This remarkable victory is a testament to their talent, hard work, and perseverance. Under the leadership of Coach Edwards, rightfully named VHSL Class 3A Coach of the Year, these young men came mentally prepared and demonstrated the power of teamwork and determination to bring home the school's second State trophy.

Their success has united our community in pride and celebration. We congratulate the following team players: Cam Pacheco, senior guard named Player of the Year; Tyler Sprague, named first-team Class 3A all-State; Landon Davis; Rylan Baker; Reese Fisher; Will Parlee; Tsenat Tesfay; Cayden Price; Camden Langridge; Colin Regan; and Brenlyn Stobbs.

We congratulate the Spotswood Trailblazers on this historic win. They