

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

have made Spottswood proud. We can't wait to see what they accomplish in the future.

#### HONORING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the brave men and women in law enforcement who serve our communities, our Commonwealth, and our Nation with honor and courage.

These officers are our friends and neighbors, men and women who wake up each day, put on the badge, and willingly face danger to keep others safe.

Earlier this week, in Bridgewater, I joined members of local law enforcement and Commonwealth's Attorney Marsha Garst to honor those who lost their lives in the line of duty. Since 1776, nearly 27,000 officers have made the ultimate sacrifice, including 165 last year and 25 so far this year. Their service and their sacrifice must never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, the men and women of law enforcement represent the very best of our communities. We are safer because of their commitment, and we are grateful for their service. To every officer who serves, we thank them, support them, and will continue to stand with them.

#### CELEBRATING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, last week was National Small Business Week, a time to celebrate the millions of small businesses that form the foundation of our economy and our communities. These men and women aren't just entrepreneurs. They are job creators, innovators, and the embodiment of the American Dream.

House Republicans and President Trump are fighting to make sure they have the tools they need to thrive. That starts with making the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent. Those tax cuts are critical for small businesses, with over 26 million relying on the 20 percent deduction to grow, invest, and hire.

I hope we keep working to ensure small businesses can continue driving American innovation and prosperity.

#### ENDING PAY-FOR-PLAY POLITICAL GIFTS

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump was elected with a mandate to improve the lives of hardworking Americans, to lower housing costs, to make groceries, childcare, and medicine more affordable, and to help our seniors get the care they need.

What has he done instead? He has used his position to inflate his own wealth and pad the pocketbooks of billionaire donors, all at the expense of the very people who elected him.

Unlike every single President before him, Donald Trump has refused to divest his business interests. He didn't

even put them in a blind trust. Instead, he handed them over to his family, who continues to profit.

In the past year alone, Donald Trump has doubled his fortune from \$2.3 billion to \$5.1 billion. He now has over \$5 billion. How is he doing that? By treating public office like a personal business opportunity.

Crypto investments make up \$2.9 billion of the Trump family's net worth. Just days after the inauguration, Trump announced a Trump meme coin used to funnel money into his and his family's pockets. Now, the Trump family crypto mining scheme is going public as their payouts grow larger.

This is more than a conflict of interest. It is blatant corruption. He is now considering accepting a \$400 million jet from Qatar dubbed a "palace in the sky." How is this even ethical? Even some of my Republican colleagues agree that not only is this wrong, but it is a national security risk.

As a Member of Congress, I can't even accept a gift of more than \$50, let alone \$400 million. It is a slap in the face of millions of people who work long hours just to put food on the table and afford the roofs over their heads.

He isn't looking out for the best interests of the American people. He is only looking for what is good for the Trump business.

While House Republicans are out here snatching SNAP benefits away from children, Trump is making sure his billionaire buddies get higher tax breaks.

While families stress over how to make ends meet with high costs, Trump is flaunting hotels and golf courses.

While House Republicans debate which critical funding to cut, Donald Trump is raking in the excess to expand his personal empire.

Donald Trump is making a mockery of public office by continuing to enrich himself at the taxpayers' expense. If a Democrat were in the White House, my friends across the aisle would be losing their minds right now. Wrong is still wrong, regardless of which party this President belongs to.

We need to put an end to Donald Trump's pay-for-play political gifts for the sake of our reputation, our democracy, and our future.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DELIVERY ON HIS PROMISES

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to be here with you this morning to talk about the good news. Every day, I hear in so many newscasts that somehow the sky is falling. Let's get to the facts about what is actually happening in our economy and, most

importantly, how America is moving in the right direction.

Gas prices are down. Inflation, despite all the worry of the last month, was held in check. Food prices are down. The border is secure. Enlistments are up. Respect is back around the world.

Look at the scenes we are seeing overseas and the respect the United States enjoys once again. Peace is on the horizon, both in Ukraine and, of course, now that we have negotiated a deal with India and Pakistan.

This is about promises kept and about leadership met. That is why I am so excited to see America back again.

When we look at a lot of these things, one of the things that is so refreshing, that so many people tell me about back at home, is that the President of the United States is finally talking directly to the American public. He actually talks to the press. He takes questions. He illuminates what he is working on and why he is pushing different policies.

This is what is called open government. For the last 4 years, we have seen behind-the-scenes maneuvering. Now, we see open government and not just in talk but in action.

I know there has been some criticism of DOGE, and nothing is ever perfect. Let's be candid here. Mr. Speaker, it is your money. You deserve to know where every single dollar is spent. That is all DOGE is doing, in addition to making recommendations on how we can actually save money.

In case everyone hasn't noticed, we are running a deficit of \$1 trillion, let alone over \$36 trillion in overall debt. When I hear the other side talk about these different adjustments that might be made, what solutions have they offered other than higher taxes, that we need more money? There is plenty of money here in Washington, D.C. Let's figure out how to spend it in a smarter way.

That is all DOGE is trying to say. One of the smartest people in the world is literally saying there are some alternatives we might want to take into consideration on how the real business world works, as opposed to what happens in Washington, D.C.

That is why a lot of us new folks ran for office. Back at home, we actually balanced budgets. We are forced to work with a balanced budget amendment. Here, money just flows. If we dare cut spending in any possible way, somehow we are seen as heartless. I don't buy that.

For years, they talked about prescription drug changes. Guess what? The President did it. He didn't talk about it. He acted, and it is such a refreshing change. Again, he kept promises made on the campaign trail as opposed to the bait and switch.

Mr. Speaker, this is what American Government should be all about and why I am proud to work with the President every single day, trying to figure out how we actually reduce the size