

Marc's kindness, humility, and dedication defined him, and his legacy will live on in all that knew him.

I send my prayers and deepest condolences to his wife, Pam; their children, Colin and Taylor; their six grandchildren; his surviving siblings; extended family; and all who loved him. Western New York has lost one of our finest. May Marc Meyers rest in peace.

HONORING SISTERS BOUTIQUE & GIFTS, INC.

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the Sisters Boutique & Gifts, Inc. in Floresville, Texas, as the SBA Family-Owned Business of the Year for the San Antonio District.

Thirty-five years ago, Sisters was founded by two sisters, Annette and Arlene. What started as a small town shop has grown into a successful small business with multiple locations in Floresville's downtown district, run by three generations of women and fueled by passion.

Today, their boutique and children's store is run by Annette's daughters, Stacy and her daughter, Katie. They are dedicated to creating a space where south Texas women feel empowered, celebrated, and inspired. They equally give back to Floresville by sponsoring youth sports teams, school fundraisers, and organizing charity fashion shows and events.

We are fortunate to have the incredible small businesses run by passionate owners here in deep south Texas. I congratulate Sisters on 35 years and thank them for supporting Floresville. We look forward to seeing your business continue to thrive for years to come.

HONORING THE BRAVE OFFICERS OF THE MCALLEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, today, during National Police Week, I rise in honor of the law enforcement officers who have gone above and beyond to protect our families and communities. They have stood as protectors and always answered the call without hesitation.

This week, with heavy hearts, we honor the brave officers of the McAllen Police Department in south Texas who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Their courage, dedication, and commitment to their duty reminds us of what it means to serve. They wore the badge not for praise but to make a difference, and they did so every single day.

Though they are no longer with us, their legacy lives on. Today, we honor their lives and dedication to south Texas. May their names never be forgotten: Officer Federico Saenz, end of watch, March 26, 1933; Officer Rosalín Suarez, Jr., end of watch, May 19, 1981; Officer Reynaldo Lopez, end of watch, July 10, 1993; Officer Edelmiro Garza, Jr., end of watch, July 11, 2020; Officer

Ismael Z. Chavez, end of watch, July 11, 2020.

Please join me in praying for our fallen officers and their loved ones. Their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

NEARLY ONE IN FOUR DELAWAREANS RELY ON MEDICAID

(Ms. MCBRIDE of Delaware was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the Representative of the nearly one in four Delawareans who rely on Medicaid: families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities whose lives now hang in the balance.

Republicans in Congress have proposed not only the largest cut in Medicaid in American history but the single largest evisceration of healthcare in American history, period.

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, this slash-and-burn proposal would strip health insurance from nearly 14 million people. That is not belt-tightening; it is life threatening.

Since the majority in Congress began advancing this plan, I have heard from hundreds of Delawareans who can't sleep, gripped by the fear of losing the care that keeps them or their kids alive.

Caroline, a young woman from Newark, has a rare condition that requires extensive medical intervention. Without Medicaid, she told me that she could die. Caroline tragically is not alone. If these cuts advance, people will die.

I have heard from doctors, nurses, hospital leaders, and community health clinics across our State. They all agree: Republican cuts to Medicaid will do irreparable harm, eliminating a lifeline for their patients, and putting further strain on our hospital systems that are already facing a workforce crisis.

Let's talk about what is actually in the Republican proposal. The majority party wants to impose needless and excessive paperwork requirements that serve no purpose but to push people off the rolls. They are importing the worst parts of the private health insurance industry, needless bureaucratic barriers and excessive paperwork into a lifesaving program to make it harder to qualify for care, all to pad the pockets of the ultrawealthy.

If that weren't enough, the bill also includes what can only be described as a backdoor abortion ban, prohibiting Medicaid funding from going to family planning clinics that provide abortion services, even if that funding isn't being used for abortion care.

This means shuttering access to trusted providers and family planning clinics, especially in rural areas where options are already scarce. They are doing all of this while forcing working families to pay more out of pocket. When you make working people pay

more for basic healthcare, that is a tax.

Republicans in Congress want to tax the healthcare of working people all to just partially pay for tax cuts for the wealthy. This administration and Republicans promised Americans three things last year: lower costs, cutting red tape, and bringing down the deficit.

Let's review what their budget will actually do: It raises costs for working families across the country through new out-of-pocket expenses, higher premiums, and loss in coverage. It creates new bureaucratic red tape for patients, providers, and State governments, barriers designed to trip people up and push them out. It adds \$3.7 trillion to the deficit, not to expand care or invest in working people, but to fund tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

I didn't come to Congress to rubberstamp cruelty. I came to fight for the people I represent: the aging parents in Sussex County, the caregivers in Kent, and kids in Wilmington.

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Mr. Speaker, I am going to end with the words of another Delawarean, a single mom: "Without Medicaid, neither of us would have health insurance. My employer doesn't offer health coverage, and I can't afford the \$500 a month private plan with high deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses. If we lose Medicaid, we lose everything."

She added this: "P.S., I am a healthcare worker with a bachelor's degree. This isn't about being too lazy to work."

We owe her and millions of others better than this. I urge my colleagues to reject this cruel and catastrophic proposal.

CELEBRATING INCREDIBLE LIVES OF GUAM'S CENTENARIANS

(Mr. MOYLAN of Guam was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three extraordinary individuals from Guam who were honored today at the 2025 Guam Centenarian celebration: Ms. Victorina Dulay Robeniol, Mr. Frank Manangan, and Ms. Cerafina Fejeran.

Each of these individuals has reached or surpassed 100 years of age. This is a remarkable milestone on its own; but more than longevity, they represent a generation whose lives were shaped by some of the most defining moments in our island's history, including World War II.

As we approach Guam's 81st Liberation Day this July, we are reminded of the resilience, determination, and strength of those who endured the occupation of Guam during World War II and witnessed the delivery of freedom to our people in 1944. The centenarians lived through those difficult years and helped rebuild our island in the decades that followed.

Their lives are a testament to the enduring spirit of the people of Guam.

They remind us that our history is not only told in books or monuments, but also in the lives, hearts, and experiences of those who were there. They embody everything that is great about Guam, and we celebrate the incredible lives they lived.

I extend my warmest congratulations and deepest respect from this Chamber. On behalf of the people of Guam and the United States Congress, I thank Ms. Robeniol, Mr. Manangan, and Ms. Fejeran for their strength, their wisdom, and the example they continue to set for us all.

NOAA CONTRIBUTES TO OUR ECONOMY AND WELL-BEING

(Ms. BONAMICI of Oregon was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, Oregonians at home and colleagues in the House often hear me talk about NOAA, but I want to use this time to explain how this agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, contributes to the economy and to our well-being.

NOAA is not just a four-letter acronym or a Federal building in Maryland, it is the backbone of this Nation's environmental safety and resilience, which support better health and a thriving economy. When the Earth shakes the coastline of my district in the Pacific Northwest, as it inevitably will, it will put the lives and safety of thousands of coastal residents at risk from a devastating tsunami. The first lifesaving alert they will hear is because of NOAA.

As a seismologist at the Alaska Earthquake Center said: NOAA creates the information needed by emergency managers, mariners, and everyday citizens: Where is the safe zone in my town? How long will I have? Where should boats go? How do I stay informed?

When someone fishing in Astoria, Oregon, sets her catch limits for Dungeness crab or pink shrimp and when she checks the marine weather forecast to decide whether to put her crew out on the water or to keep them safe at shore, that is because of the workers at NOAA.

At a recent Oregon fisheries roundtable, one fisherman made the stakes clear: NOAA's forecasts of sea state and weather save lives.

Last year, blooms of toxic algae shut down beaches, contaminated shellfish, and put about 40 Oregonians in the hospital with a paralytic shellfish poisoning. States, hospitals, and families deserve accurate information about what they are exposed to and what they consume. This should not be a luxury. This is a public service and expectation that we should be able to rely on, and we have it because of the hardworking staff at NOAA.

Planes avoid turbulence. School districts decide whether it is safe to have class during a snowstorm. People seek

shelter during a tornado or a hurricane. Weather forecasts are available at our fingertips, and behind every alert, every early warning, every saved life are the people at NOAA.

I have spoken with shrimpers in Newport, Oregon, and scientists at Oregon State University, Tribal leaders along the Columbia River, and teachers in Hillsboro. They have all highlighted how NOAA's work is far-reaching, and this is just in one of 435 congressional districts.

Students in Oregon recently told me that the Sea Grant program, run by NOAA, helped spark their love for marine biology and education. Another student said Sea Grant inspired their interest in ocean technology and set them on the path to study engineering. These students understand how NOAA's science programs can protect their communities and change lives, so it is hard to understand why so many of my colleagues and this administration are throwing NOAA overboard and then hoping a storm won't come.

NOAA has been threatened, and its budget is being slashed by this administration. In past Congresses, we have come together to sustain this funding because its bipartisan work is valued across red, blue, and purple districts and States. We have successfully fought back against attempts to muzzle its experts, and we will continue to fight back and win.

Let me be clear: Defunding NOAA will hurt Oregonians, Americans, and people across this country. It puts the lives of fishers and their crews at risk. It leaves towns without early warning. It undermines economies built on tourism, shipping, and fisheries.

Slashing the budget of NOAA doesn't save money. A 2019 analysis shows NOAA provides \$11 in economic benefit for every dollar we invest. That is not charity, it is infrastructure. NOAA's ocean observation system, for example, drives economies and saves lives.

Captain Dan Jordan, a Columbia River bar pilot, sees this every day. He said: "Ships crossing the Columbia River bar face one of the most dangerous harbor entrances in the world. . . . bar pilots rely on weather forecasts, real-time buoy data along with wave and current models . . ." to safely cross the bar.

I agree with Captain Jordan. Just as we need roads, rails, and broadband, we need buoys, satellites, and tide gauges so our ships can safely transport goods in and out of our ports. This is navigation, weather, safety, commerce, and, yes, climate science.

Proposals to gut NOAA's funding by more than 25 percent, to decimate the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research would, as the former director of that office said, take our scientific footing back to the 1950s. Their mission is to develop the best possible science to save lives and property in a changing climate. To cut it is not fiscally conservative, it is strategically catastrophic.

When did we become so afraid of knowledge? When did we decide that protecting political egos was more important than protecting people's lives? NOAA scientists are not enemies of the State. They are guardians of it.

To the next generation, I know many of you feel disillusioned. You see the ocean becoming more acidic. You see storms getting stronger. You wonder if anyone in power is listening. Let this moment be a promise. I hear you, and the workers of NOAA hear you, as well.

Let's reject the cynical policies of willful ignorance. Let's not stand in opposition to science but in service to it because when the sky darkens, the tide rises, and the wind begins to howl, it is the workers of NOAA who will tell us what comes next.

GOVERNOR NEWSOM BACKS DOWN

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, yesterday California Governor Gavin Newsom finally backed down from his irresponsible, reckless policy of providing full-scope Medicaid, Medi-Cal coverage to every person who is income eligible in our State illegally. Of course, the Governor did not do the right thing on his own but only in response to the pressure that we have brought to bear.

It has been painfully obvious that this policy, which no other State in the country has, was utterly unsustainable and was threatening the solvency of Medicaid in California itself. The cost has ballooned for this year to \$10 billion, over three times what was initially estimated. The Governor has had to take out an emergency loan and then separately go to the legislature in the middle of the year for a bailout.

The Governor has finally acknowledged this, that the policy should never have been enacted, and he has said he is going to freeze any new enrollment by adults who are in our country illegally.

However, the Governor is only partially reversing his policy. Indeed, by the time this freeze goes into effect, we will have already spent \$23 billion that could have gone toward improving access to care for legal California residents.

The partial repeal is not a solution. For one thing, it will continue to cost us enormous sums in State tax dollars. For another, it could lead to the loss of billions and billions of dollars every year in Federal funding.

As I called on the Governor before to repeal this policy, as I have introduced legislation requiring him to do so, I am now calling on Governor Newsom not to go halfway but to completely reverse this reckless, disastrous policy that no other State in the country has.

ABSOLUTE DEFINITION OF INSANITY

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Governor Newsom introduced his budget proposal in Sacramento and has decided to double