

State funding for high-speed rail. This is the absolute definition of insanity. It has been some 16 years, 17 years since the project was approved. They have spent \$17 billion, and there has not been a single passenger.

Even under the most wildly optimistic scenarios, we are going to have a line from Palmdale to Gilroy in 20 years that will require 2 hours of additional travel on each end to get from San Francisco to L.A. In 20 years, riders will be able to get from San Francisco to L.A. in 6 hours, something you can do on a plane in 1 hour today.

This project has been called a project that won't even be built within the next century by even sources like *The New York Times*. I have introduced legislation to eliminate all future Federal funding for high-speed rail. The Governor continues to believe that Federal funding will come. It is not going to come. There is currently an investigation by the Department of Transportation as well, and I have asked for an investigation by FBI Director Kash Patel to look into exactly where all of this money went.

It is time to end this irresponsible failure of a project—the biggest public infrastructure failure in U.S. history—once and for all and put our transportation dollars where they are needed: toward improving our roads, repairing potholes, alleviating traffic, on things that will actually benefit the quality of life for Californians.

#### THE NAKBA NEVER ENDED

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, Peter Beinart said: “When you tell a people to forget its past, you are not proposing peace, you are proposing extinction.”

I introduced a resolution yesterday recognizing the 77 years of the ongoing Nakba against the Palestinian people and the need for refugee rights. We know that thousands of Palestinians were ethnically cleansed in 1948, and nearly 800,000 were violently removed from over 400 villages, completely erased. Many of them carry their keys to this day, Mr. Speaker, hanging them on the wall of their new, temporary homes in hopes that one day they will be able to return to their villages.

We acknowledge their trauma and the painful loss of their connections to their family members, land, the beautiful olive groves, and the 400 Palestinian villages that they all grew up in. We, of course, see that the Israeli Government continues to illegally steal Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank where my family lives. They illegally evict Palestinian families, Mr. Speaker, demolish homes, and deny Palestinians basic human rights.

We honor those all around the world and want them to know that former Congresswoman Cori Bush and I see them. We know the suffering. We know

that there are lasting harms of settler colonialism, as well as ethnic cleansing and apartheid.

There are days that I feel so alone in this Chamber as the only Palestinian American serving in Congress. The dehumanization and the anti-Palestinian racism here is painful, especially when my colleagues remain silent on the starvation of children and vote to send more bombs to the Israeli Government while they commit war crimes with impunity.

Today, we are witnessing a genocide in Gaza. Many human rights organizations, advocacy groups, NGOs, and folks on medical missions have confirmed, the campaign to erase Palestinians from existence is happening right now, live-streamed for all of us to see while the world sits and does nothing.

Palestinians were right. The Nakba never ended. Across Gaza, the medical system has been deliberately destroyed. The Israeli Government is using starvation as a weapon of war, which is a war crime. The thousands of trucks carrying food and lifesaving aid sit blocked at the border while Palestinian families starve.

Instead of agreeing to a cease-fire, war criminal Netanyahu is now preparing a full-scale assault to ethnically cleanse and forcibly expel the entire Palestinian population from Gaza and to flatten and permanently occupy the land. This was always their plan. He said it himself.

Israeli forces have killed more than 52,000 Palestinians, and nearly 70 percent of them were women and children, babies who did not live to see their first birthday. There are thousands more who were dismembered, unrecognizable, burned alive, buried beneath the rubble, and presumed dead.

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Mr. Speaker, nearly 1.9 million Palestinians have been displaced once again. Each year, our country sends billions of dollars to maintain this apartheid state and support the ongoing cleansing of the Palestinian people. Our country is complicit, Mr. Speaker, because our Nation is funding this genocide.

The Israeli Government will not stop until we put in place an arms embargo. The majority of Americans support it. We must save lives. No matter faith or ethnicity, a child is a child.

Mr. Speaker, my “grandma’s”; “sity’s” only crime in the eyes of the Israeli apartheid government was that she was born Palestinian. It killed me inside that she took her last breath without being truly free. I pray that the ongoing Nakba against the Palestinians will end and one day they will be free.

#### SNEAKING IN NONPROFIT KILLER BILL

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about something that is happening right here in our backyard in regard to the Congressional Mamas Caucus.

As a mother, I am dismayed. We started Mamas for Medicaid, which is

mothers across the Nation sharing their stories about what it means to cut Medicaid and how cruel it will be for their families, especially those with children with special needs.

What makes me even more angry is this so-called sneaking in of the non-profit killer bill into the budget reconciliation package. We have to worry about that now.

This is dangerous and unconstitutional legislation that would give the Trump administration unchecked power to target any nonprofit organization as a political enemy and shut them down—no evidence, no charge, no trial, no due process.

This legislation is part of a broader assault on civil liberties, aiming to criminalize free speech, Mr. Speaker.

Trust me, it won't just be Palestinian human rights organizations. It will be those who are fighting against the Medicaid cuts. It will be those who are fighting for Black lives and those who are fighting for climate justice. It is wrong, and I hope my colleagues will vote against it.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DEPUTY BRUCE EVANS

(Mr. EZELL of Mississippi was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and ultimate sacrifice of Deputy Bruce Evans of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on July 18, 2000.

Deputy Evans lost his life while protecting his community. In his final moments, he stood in harm's way so that others could be safe. That is the kind of man he was. He was a courageous man, selfless and committed to the oath that he took.

Bruce served 7 years in law enforcement, 4 of those with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. He was a husband, a father of two children, and a hero to all who knew him.

This loss is especially personal to my office. My chief of staff was Bruce's partner at the sheriff's department at that time. I have heard firsthand how deeply Bruce cared for his work, his family, and his community.

Mr. Speaker, we honor his memory today, and we pray for his family and his loved ones. We recommit ourselves to standing behind the brave men and women who wear the badge every day.

#### HONORING BARBARA MARQUEZ

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

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Marquez, who was named the Alzheimer's Impact Movement Advocate of the Month.

Barbara's connection to Alzheimer's is deeply personal. She lost her maternal grandmother and five of her mother's siblings to this devastating disease. When her mother, Florence,

began showing signs of cognitive decline, Barbara stepped in as her full-time caregiver, managing medications, doctor visits, and daily support.

After a frightening incident when her mother went missing, Barbara made the decision to move Florence into her home, eventually retiring early to care for her full time.

Like so many caregivers, Barbara faced emotional and financial strain. Even with insurance, the cost of care added up for adult day programs, nutritional support, and memory care.

Rather than step back, Barbara stepped up. She became an active advocate with the Alzheimer's Impact Movement, lending her voice and experience to support families across our community.

Barbara has been instrumental in helping my office organize our annual Brain Health Forum with the Alzheimer's Association, bringing together caregivers, experts, and advocates to share resources and expand awareness around brain health and dementia care.

Barbara's story is one of love, resilience, and service. I am proud to honor her today and thank her for everything she has done and continues to do for families impacted by Alzheimer's in Sacramento County and beyond.

HONORING SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 175 years of Sacramento County, a truly special milestone.

Established in 1850 as one of California's original 27 counties, Sacramento has always been at the heart of our State's story. Just a few years later, in 1854, Sacramento became the permanent capital of California. We have served as the political, cultural, and economic engine of our State ever since.

From the Gold Rush to the completion of the transcontinental railroad, Sacramento County has helped connect our Nation from coast to coast and fueled California's early growth.

Our story didn't stop there. Generations of families, immigrants, farmers, teachers, veterans, and small business owners have worked together to build a more inclusive, resilient, and thriving community.

Today, Sacramento County is the leader in agriculture, clean energy, and technology and remains one of the most diverse places in the country. We are proudly known as the Farm-to-Fork Capital and home to the largest tree canopy in the United States, earning us the title of "City of Trees."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Sacramento County home, and I am honored to represent our people in Congress. I congratulate Sacramento County on 175 years of leadership, service, and progress. Here is to the next 175 years.

CONGRATULATING JESUIT MARAUDERS ON CIF CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jesuit High School Ma-

rauders of Carmichael, California, for capturing their first-ever CIF State basketball championship and doing so in truly historic fashion.

At Sacramento's Golden 1 Center, Jesuit put on a master class in teamwork and execution, defeating L.A. County heavyweight Chatsworth 66-53.

In what the Sacramento Bee called one of the most remarkable championship efforts, the Marauders showed us all how the game should be played—with heart, with discipline, and with unity.

This was more than a win. It was a defining moment. Jesuit beat a program with national recognition. In doing so, they inspired a new generation of young athletes across Sacramento County to lead with character and strive for excellence.

I congratulate the players, coaches, and community. They have made history and have made our community proud.

Go Marauders.

RECOGNIZING MOSAIC LAW CONGREGATION

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Mosaic Law Congregation, an important milestone for one of Sacramento County's most respected, enduring faith communities.

Founded in 1900 by just seven families, Mosaic Law has grown into a vibrant, multigenerational congregation, now serving more than 400 families across our region.

From its current home on H Street to its current 6-acre campus on Sierra Boulevard, the congregation has expanded not only in size but in its impact on our community.

Mosaic Law is more than a synagogue. It is home to Sacramento's only Jewish day school, the Shalom School, as well as the KOH Library and the Central Valley Holocaust Education Network. It is a place where families gather, where children learn, and where the value of service, education, and remembrance are passed down from generation to generation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the entire Mosaic Law community for the role it plays in shaping the civic and moral life of Sacramento County.

Mazel tov on 125 years.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. TIFFANY of Wisconsin was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, this National Police Week, I thank the brave men and women of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Their courage and service will never be forgotten.

I want to recognize two law enforcement officers from Wisconsin's Seventh District who recently retired after decades of service.

Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald, "Fitzzy," served for 28 years in law enforcement, including 17 years as sheriff. His leadership and commitment made a lasting impact on his community. I wish Sheriff Fitzgerald the best in the next chapter of his life.

Rusk County Sheriff Jeff Wallace retired earlier this year after 28 years in law enforcement, including 10 years as sheriff. We are grateful for Sheriff Wallace's service.

I also congratulate Jim Peglow. After 31 years with the Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue and an additional 9 years with the Minocqua Fire and Rescue, Jim has answered his final call.

We thank all of our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders. Our communities are safer because of them.

HONORING OHIO'S 13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mrs. SYKES of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of the law enforcement officers serving in Ohio's 13th Congressional District and to honor those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Being a police officer is not an easy job. It is one of the most difficult and most dangerous jobs in our society, and in recent years, it has only gotten harder.

As I have met with law enforcement agencies across northeast Ohio, I continue to hear the same concerns. Officers are overworked, stretched thin, and in need of better support and training to meet the demands of the job and the needs of our communities.

That is why I have reintroduced the Law Enforcement Scenario-Based Training for Safety and De-Escalation Act. This is bipartisan legislation that supports law enforcement officers by ensuring they have access to high-quality, real-world training that prepares them for the complex situations they face in the field.

This bill requires the Department of Justice through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, also known as the COPS Office, to develop and distribute scenario-based training curricula that cover de-escalation, crisis intervention, use of force, situational awareness, decisionmaking under stress, and community relationship building.

We know that when law enforcement has the tools and the training they need, it protects both the officers and the public. This bill creates a grant program to make these programs accessible to departments of all sizes, rural and urban, so that every officer in every community can benefit.

This legislation is especially urgent for my community. June 27 will mark 3 years since Jayland Walker was shot and killed by police in Akron. April 18