

them when you see them. They are heroes.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to honor the courage, sacrifice, and steadfast commitment of our law enforcement officers. Those across the nation and especially those serving across NW Ohio.

Each day, these brave men and women answer the call, often putting their lives on the line to protect our families, neighborhoods, and freedoms.

We owe them more than thanks.

That's why I've worked hard to bring meaningful support to those who wear the badge in every county of the eight I represent. In Defiance County, nearly \$290,000 in funding helped hire a new school resource officer, equip the police with body-worn cameras, and strengthen the local 911 center and fire and rescue divisions.

In Erie County, over \$1.3 Million was directed to sheriff's operations, victim services, local police departments, and enhanced school security across multiple districts.

Fulton County departments, from Archbold to Wauseon, received over \$1.3 Million to fund school safety, body-worn cameras, and fire and EMS support.

Lucas County's first responders benefited from major investments like \$2 Million for Toledo's Community-Based Violence Intervention grant, and over \$76 Million in ARPA funding for police and fire recruitment, ShotSpotter technology, and the Real-Time Crime Center. From Oregon's rebuilt K-9 unit to Sylvania Township's upgraded equipment and Toledo's forensic crime lab, these resources are making a real difference on the ground.

In Ottawa County where we had previously funded construction of the largest Customs and Border Patrol facility on the entire northern border, police departments received hundreds of thousands in funding for police, fire, EMS, and school safety upgrades. And the Ottawa County Court and Prosecutor's Office also secured over \$450,000 in federal justice grants to enhance public safety and reduce recidivism.

In Sandusky County, law enforcement agencies in Fremont, Gibsonburg, and Woodville received body-worn cameras and equipment. Sandusky County EMS and school districts received critical safety upgrades as well.

Williams County's departments secured nearly \$400,000 for retention incentives, body cameras, and juvenile court services to improve both public safety and the administration of justice.

Northern Wood County also benefited as school districts from Rossford to Eastwood and North Baltimore gained enhanced security infrastructure. These improvements keep both students and officers safe.

These investments reflect a simple truth: If we ask law enforcement to meet the evolving demands of public safety, we must give them the tools, training, and support to succeed.

Let us remember those we've lost in the line of duty and recommit to building a future where every officer returns home.

Your courage does not go unnoticed. Your service is deeply appreciated. May you be blessed in your patriotic service.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DEPUTY SHERIFF BRADLEY J. RECKLING

(Mrs. McCLAIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to recognize the life and service of Deputy Sheriff Bradley J. Reckling.

Deputy Reckling served faithfully for 9 years with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. He was from Michigan's Ninth District.

Sadly, Deputy Reckling was killed in the line of duty on June 22, 2024. He was only 29 years old. When he was killed, he was a proud husband and father to three beautiful daughters, with a fourth one on the way.

As we mark National Police Week, we pause to honor the courage of those who wear the badge, the ones who run toward danger, and far too often those who pay the ultimate sacrifice like Deputy Reckling.

Every day, brave men and women put on their uniform and go to work and they know they may not come home. We owe these people a lot more than just a thank you. We owe them respect, admiration, and our unwavering support.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to do the same and to honor the life of Deputy Sheriff Brad Reckling. May we always appreciate the men and women in blue.

THANKING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

(Mr. SORESENSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SORESENSE. Mr. Speaker, this is National Police Week when we honor the brave men and women who serve and protect us every day, but it is also a good reminder that they deserve our thanks every day. We also need to thank the spouses and the children of our law enforcement who deal with the risk of their loved ones who may not come home.

Finally, we remember the family members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our safety. Serving in the people's House means we support law enforcement. I am proud to have secured funding for police training and safety.

From Rockford to the Quad Cities, Peoria to Bloomington-Normal, our officers go above and beyond every day to keep us safe, many days without the support that they need to deal with the stress.

That is why I am so proud of the Invest to Protect Act, my bipartisan legislation that gives small and midsized police departments the funding that they need for training, recruitment, and mental health resources.

Mr. Speaker, happy National Police Week. My hope is that everyone wearing a badge right now stays protected, safe, and feels their Nation's thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RORY McILROY

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to offer my sincerest congratulations to the 2025 Masters champion, Rory McIlroy.

Since 1934, amidst blooming azaleas, towering pines, and flowering dogwoods, the first full week of April brings the world's greatest golfers to my hometown of Augusta, Georgia, to experience sport's most unique and rewarding challenge: the Masters golf tournament, the first major of the year.

As golf fans know, the iconic green jacket never comes easily, but for Rory McIlroy, his years-long quest for glory at Augusta was far more than just a victory. In clinching the green jacket, Rory snapped an 11-year major championship drought and completed the long-awaited career grand slam, joining just five other prestigious players in doing so. Augusta made history as one of the greatest moments in golf.

Mr. Speaker, Rory made a comment at the trophy presentation that I think exemplifies this country. He said to his daughter, Poppy, "Never give up on your dreams. Keep coming back, keep working hard. If you put your mind to it, you can do anything." What an example to the next generation of athletes, leaders, and to the American people.

Congratulations, Rory. It is championship week again in the world of golf, and we are pulling for him to achieve the season's grand slam now.

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I STAND WITH THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY

(Mr. AMO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my constituent Pranoy, a remarkable young adult and lifelong learner from Barrington, Rhode Island.

Pranoy is driven by his dream of attending college, but that dream is at great risk. It can only be realized if he receives support. Pranoy lives with Down syndrome and uses an adaptive communication device with specialized software to communicate, paid for by Medicaid.

Yet, Republicans are trying to ram through their disastrous budget poised to gut Medicaid and threaten healthcare for one in four Rhode Islanders.

I recently met with Pranoy. He said simply: "I am only getting started." That sentence sums it up. It is what keeps his family and myself up at night. These Republican Medicaid cuts would hinder Pranoy's potential.

I am standing here today because I stand with Pranoy. I stand with the

disability community, and I will stand against any attempt to rip away Medicaid from children who deserve the same opportunity to flourish as any other American, to live out their potential and flourish.

HONORING TROOPER JOEL E. POPP

(Ms. McDONALD RIVET asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. McDONALD RIVET. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a mid-Michigan hero, Trooper Joel E. Popp of the Michigan State Police.

Trooper Popp passed away in the line of duty last year, and this tragedy touched every corner of our community. Family, friends, neighbors, the men and women who served with him, and strangers gathered together to honor his service and his sacrifice.

Joel was an avid outdoorsman. When off duty, he could be found hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, or golfing. He loved being a husband and a father.

Trooper Popp has been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall here in D.C., where he joins other American heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This National Police Week, I thank Trooper Popp and all the other brave men and women who put their lives on the line to protect and serve our Nation and its people. We owe them a profound debt of gratitude.

RECOGNIZING LACEY ANDERSON

(Mr. OWENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House Merit Caucus, I am proud to recognize a Utah educator who embodies excellence, Ms. Lacey Anderson.

Lacey is a special education teacher who refused to accept low expectations for neurodivergent students. Instead, she founded Autism Solutions Academy in West Jordan, Utah, becoming a board-certified behavior analyst and building a school that meets the needs of kids where they are.

Her student-first approach provides real options for parents of special needs children. By customizing lesson plans and blending teaching, she makes sure that every student, regardless of ability, has the path to succeed.

During a recent visit, I met Sofia, a student who once was nonverbal and withdrawn. Today, she is reading, writing, and thriving because of a teacher who believed in her.

That is what real leadership looks like. That is merit in action. When we raise the bar, our kids rise to meet it. Every child in America deserves the same chance.

HONORING MICHAEL HOOSOCK

(Mr. MANNION asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mr. MANNION. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to honor the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each day to keep us safe.

I rise to honor Lieutenant Michael Hoosock of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office and Syracuse Police Officer Michael Jensen, who were ambushed and killed on a quiet street in Salina, New York, just 13 months ago. I also honor Oswego County Sheriff's Deputy Cailee Campbell, who was killed in a motor vehicle accident in my old State senate district last fall. Their names now join others from central New York and the Mohawk Valley like Syracuse Officer Wallie Howard on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

I note briefly that Officer Howard's killer was shamefully released from prison by President Trump at the end of his first term. The Syracuse community, the police department, Officer Howard's family, and the prosecutors who brought this case for justice were all shocked at the decision to release this convicted murderer.

Syracuse and New York-22 will never forget the sacrifices of these men and women regardless of how long their names are up on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and will always support law enforcement and their families.

I thank Lieutenant Hoosock, Officer Jensen, and Deputy Campbell for their commitment to their community. I rise today to honor their service and to offer my support and condolences to their families and friends. We stand with them, and we grieve with them.

VULNERABLE CHILDREN MUST BE SUPPORTED

(Ms. SIMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the House to highlight my support of Head Start.

I most recently visited an organization in my district called the Unity Council that serves families, parents, seniors, and children, providing them with affordable housing, career opportunities, community engagement and, yes, Head Start programs.

I learned from the Unity Council that President Trump and the administration has stopped funding for the Oakland Head Start program. This means that over 600 children will not have daycare, mental health services, dental care, and basic health screenings all provided by this incredible program.

The President promised, recently said he would not touch the Head Start program. Yet here we are. Nationally, over 800,000 children receive daycare support from Head Start. Cutting Head Start funding and stopping early childhood development is not efficiency. It is not trimming the fat. Cutting pro-

grams like Head Start is breaking, literally, the bones of our Nation and of our future.

SUPPORTING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

(Ms. STANSBURY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, as we honor Police Week, I rise to take a moment to thank all of our first responders who bravely put their lives on the line every day across New Mexico and to honor all of those who have fallen in the line of duty.

As we honor our heroes, we must honor them not just in words, but in action, because our communities deserve real solutions: funding for law enforcement, behavioral health programs, keeping fentanyl off the streets, and real solutions that keep our communities safe.

That is why I have been working with State police, Tribal law enforcement, county sheriffs, and police departments across New Mexico to invest in technologies and tools to fund fire stations and emergency response, to invest in healthcare providers and behavioral health clinics, working with housing and homeless providers to help our veterans, elders, families, and young people, and to keep our communities safe. We do it by investing not only in the people who serve our communities bravely every day, but by investing in the people of our communities.

HONORING SHERIFF'S DEPUTY BERNARD ROBERTS

(Mr. RILEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, during National Police Week, I rise to honor Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy Bernard Roberts. He was a marine, a husband, a father, and a member of the CCSO for 18 years.

I was so honored to see Deputy Roberts' name added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall this afternoon.

Bernard is survived by his wife, Fulgencia, and their six children: Jayden, Tristin, Tristina, Adriana, Niya, and Hillary. Speaking with them today, it is clear Deputy Roberts was an exceptional man, a dedicated officer, and a loving father.

He had a playful side. His friends called him Cupcake B. He was also a very serious student, which is a trait that he has passed along to his daughters.

His legacy of service and love endures through his family.

Mr. Speaker, as we honor all of our law enforcement heroes this week, let us especially remember Deputy Bernard Roberts. We are forever grateful for his service, his sacrifice, and his beautiful family.