

in 2016. In 2019, I was honored when Nancy joined my team as director of constituent services before later becoming the district director in 2023.

Nancy has truly elevated my ability to connect with and serve my constituents. During the time she has spent with Pennsylvania-13, she has developed strong relationships with my constituents, meaning she has that wealth of understanding and knowledge that allows her to connect with so many individuals in southwestern and south central PA.

As I travel throughout Pennsylvania-13, one thing remains a constant: Everyone knows and respects Nancy Bull. They do this because she cares and listens to the constituents.

After her stellar career of serving fellow Pennsylvanians, Nancy is retiring at the end of this week to spend more time with her family and with her fiancé, Eric. I thank Nancy. I thank her for her years of hard work and dedication, and I thank her for helping so many constituents in Pennsylvania-13. We will miss her, but we will never be far away.

HONORING SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize National Police Week, which was this past week. We celebrated it by supporting and honoring the brave law enforcement officers who serve our communities across the country and the great work that organizations do to support them.

That includes Federal law enforcement, like the U.S. Capitol Police, who keep the entire Capitol Hill complex safe, and law enforcement personnel in my community, including the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, the Fairfax County Police Department and Sheriff's Office, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, the Prince William County Police Department, the Rappahannock County Sheriff's Office, the Manassas and Manassas Park Police Departments, and the Haymarket, Leesburg, Middleburg, Purcellville, and Warrenton Police Departments. In addition, there are the airport, Metro, university, and State law enforcement officers, who help protect our community.

It takes all of them to keep us safe. I thank all of those departments for all they do.

This is also a time to honor law enforcement that we have lost, officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Earlier this year, the Commonwealth of Virginia mourned the loss of Officers Girvin and Reese. Their courage and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Every year, an average of 57 police officers are killed by suspects. Far too many—at least 184 public safety officers—die by suicide each year.

As we honor and remember the servicemembers we have lost, we must continue our commitment to support law enforcement officers and their families.

This month, I visited the Boulder Crest Foundation's headquarters in my district. They do critical work to support the post-traumatic growth of law enforcement officers, ensuring that those who protect us have access to help. I am proud to support Boulder Crest with a budget request to help them further develop their peer-led mental wellness training program tailored to support law enforcement officers.

As we recognize National Police Week, let's honor the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers. Together, let's continue the work of building a safer, stronger, and more prosperous community with them.

CONGRATULATING WINNERS OF 2025 LEESBURG BUSINESS AWARDS

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Madam Speaker, I also rise to congratulate the winners of the 2025 Leesburg Business Awards. These businesses have gone above and beyond to serve and benefit our community.

The winner of the Arts and Cultural Award was BENEFIT, a nonprofit of musicians and community leaders who donate the proceeds of their events to local charities.

Pawsitivity Pet Services received the Community Ambassador Award for volunteering their time and resources to cultivate a positive image of Leesburg.

The George C. Marshall Award was given to the owners of Cowbell Kitchen for their dedication to community service and partnership with Love, KK to reduce food insecurity. The food there is great, as well.

Wonder Childhood Discovery received both the New Business Award as well as the People's Choice Award for promoting early childhood development. My kids are big fans of them, as well.

Finally, the Nonprofit Award went to the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties for their grants and partnerships that help improve the quality of life in our community. We were actually honored to visit them both this past year as well as the year before.

I congratulate the Leesburg Business Award nominees and winners. I thank them for all they do for our community.

HONORING NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE KINGS BAY FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding service of the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Fire and Emergency Services.

This exceptional team was named the 2024 Department of Defense Small Category Fire Department of the Year.

They heroically responded to a major housing fire, rescuing three people and preventing \$3 million in property damage.

Their commitment to readiness is unmatched. They led 130 sub-fire events, 16 validation drills, and 32 command exchanges. In one lifesaving mission, they executed a submarine confined-space rescue with an 18-inch gap extraction and a three-story high-angle lift.

The department's work doesn't stop at the base. They are key partners in community outreach and regional emergency coordination, reinforcing safety throughout the district.

These actions reflect their courage, precision, and deep dedication to our safety and national security.

Georgia is proud to be home to a team that exemplifies what it means to serve—quietly, professionally, and always ready.

CONGRATULATING VISIT SAVANNAH AND VISIT TYBEE ISLAND

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Visit Savannah and Visit Tybee Island for receiving national recognition for their exceptional tourism marketing.

Visit Savannah's AI Chat Unit offers a first-of-its-kind interactive display that allows users to chat with Savannah for real-time travel ideas. This innovation was crowned the Best Travel Interactive Application at the 2025 Internet Advertising Competition Awards. This advertising platform achieved a 14 percent increase in engagement and placed Savannah alongside previous winners, such as Amazon and Marriott.

Visit Tybee Island received a Bronze Adrian Award from Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International for its redesigned destination website.

These Adrian Awards honor exceptional travel marketing across all platforms, and I take pride in the innovation that has established the Georgia coast as a vacation destination for everyone.

Savannah and Tybee Island are role models for Georgia and other States across the Nation for their creativity and innovation in driving tourism.

HONORING DEPUTY SHERIFF JOHN HAZELTON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Sheriff John Arthur Hazelton for being enshrined on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall in Washington, D.C.

Before becoming deputy sheriff, Mr. Hazelton served bravely in the United States Navy during World War II. After returning home, he began doing what he knew best, serving his local community. Deputy Sheriff Hazelton dedicated 6 honorable years to the Camden County Sheriff's Department.

Tragically, on March 5, 1964, Deputy Sheriff Hazelton passed away in a motor vehicle accident.

In 2021, while reviewing the Officer Down Memorial Page, Sergeant Andrew Reed of the Camden County Sheriff's Department discovered an oversight. Following his tragic death, Deputy Sheriff Hazelton's name failed to be added to the national memorial in Washington, D.C.

Through 3 years of extensive government documentation, Sergeant Reed's efforts have finally put Deputy Sheriff Hazelton's name alongside that of other officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

I thank Deputy Sheriff Hazelton for his heroic service to his country and community.

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SAVANNAH SENIORS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor three remarkable individuals recognized by Senior Citizen, Inc., of Savannah for their unwavering commitment to our community.

Dr. Otis Johnson is a trailblazing leader, educator, and former mayor of Savannah. He has dedicated his life to civil rights and uplifting communities everywhere.

Camille O'Neill, a devoted educator and pillar of the community, has nurtured countless students and built a legacy of love and service in Savannah.

Finally, John White, Sr., is a World War II veteran who served in the Marines. Mr. White is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and one of the Original Nine, the first African-American police officers in Savannah. His courage, leadership, and service continue to inspire others.

Their collective efforts exemplify the spirit of civic engagement and demonstrate the profound impact one can have through service. Let us draw inspiration from their achievements and strive to follow their examples.

SUPPORTING RECONCILIATION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the reconciliation measure favorably reported by the House Committee on Agriculture.

This legislation is critical. It prevents the largest tax increase in American history from hitting our families, farmers, and small businesses. It also provides essential funding for the Trump administration to continue its work to keep our Nation safe.

This bill addresses two major responsibilities: Restoring integrity to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP, and making meaningful investments in American agriculture.

SNAP is a vital safety net, but it must function as Congress intended, which is as a temporary bridge for those in need, not a permanent system of dependency.

Since 2019, SNAP spending has jumped from \$60 billion to \$110 billion a year, while enrollment has grown from 36 million to 42 million. Yet despite low unemployment and over 7 million job openings in our Nation, fewer than one-third of able-bodied adults required to work under SNAP are earning income.

Work requirements, once a bipartisan standard, have been sidestepped by executive actions and State waivers. Nearly 40 percent of recipients subject to work rules now live under waivers. That is not how the program was designed to function.

States are mismanaging the program to the tune of nearly \$13 billion annually in erroneous payments. That is up nearly 100 percent since 2019. Worse yet, most States are out of compliance with basic application timelines, forcing vulnerable families to wait months for help.

Our measures correct course. It aligns SNAP with other State-administered benefit programs, requiring States to share in a minimal portion of program costs, encouraging better stewardship, fewer errors, and more timely service. Most importantly, it reinstates work as a pathway to independence and opportunity.

Madam Speaker, success should be measured by outcomes, not outlays. An efficiently delivered benefit that encourages work is a win for both the taxpayer and the recipient.

Since the 2018 farm bill, agriculture producers have faced soaring input costs, declining prices, and mounting debt. By the end of last year, the farm debt hit its highest level in over 50 years. The Agriculture and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M says the outlook for farm profitability is the worst in its 42-year history of analysis.

Our producers, from livestock to specialty crops, struggle with volatile markets, labor shortages, and growing regulatory burdens. If Congress fails to act, we risk a full-blown crisis in our food and agriculture economy.

This bill delivers targeted, meaningful investment in farm safety nets and rural development. It supports research, trade promotion, and critical infrastructure. It reflects bipartisan priorities from every corner of this Chamber.

This bill restores the integrity of SNAP, strengthens every link in the agricultural chain, and puts rural America back at the center of our policy agenda where it belongs.

Madam Speaker, I am proud of this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy Lord, You make it sound so simple. We need only love You and our neighbor. In our daily reality, it is really hard sometimes and almost always impossible to do so with our whole heart, our soul, and our mind.

Forgive us for the countless ways we make the simple complex. Keep us from allowing the cares of this world to complicate our lives. Warn us when we allow our dislike of a person's differing opinion to get in the way of our obligation to be loving or at least respectful.

On this day and throughout this week, when the democratic process is at its messiest and decisions prove most contentious, bring Your peace into our presence and show us how You would have us live and love.

And may we respond with all that we are and all that we do, simple and firstly, by loving You. And at the end of this day, may we be blessed, knowing that the way we loved You is what mattered most.

In Your loving name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BELL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CATERPILLAR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the centennial celebration of Caterpillar, one of America's greatest companies.

For 100 years, Caterpillar has produced impeccable pieces of machinery that include construction and mining equipment, off-highway diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines, and diesel-electric locomotives.