

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.

This is a company that continues to lead the way in innovation, not only here in America but also within continents across the entire world.

Congratulations to Caterpillar and its many dedicated employees on reaching this historic and admirable milestone. Here is to another century of excellence and innovation in manufacturing.

EDESIA NUTRITION

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, this is the eleventh time that I have risen to call for Federal funding for malnourished children to be restored by the Trump administration. Today, I rise with a glimmer of hope.

After months of advocacy, Edesia Nutrition in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, has received notice that an order to ship their lifesaving, ready-to-use therapeutic food, Plumpy'Nut, to children in Sudan was finally approved. The food will be moved in the next 2 weeks.

This is a huge win for Edesia, for our country, and, most importantly, for the children whose lives will be saved by this miracle cure.

Let me be clear. This fight is not over. This is just the first step. The order was paid for with fiscal year 2024 funding. Edesia still has another 185,000 boxes of this ready-to-use food sitting in their warehouse, awaiting shipment. Despite money being appropriated for FY25, no new orders are being placed.

I once again call on the Trump administration for a full restoration of funding for ready-to-use therapeutic food that will save the lives of children across the world. We have done it before. We should continue to do it. That is our commitment.

CELEBRATING CENTRE FOUNDATION

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Centre Gives 2025.

Now in its 14th year, in a 36-hour online fundraising event, Centre Gives raised a record-breaking \$2.84 million.

This giving event organized by the Centre Foundation raises money to benefit over 230 nonprofit organizations across Centre County, Pennsylvania.

This achievement reflects the unwavering commitment of Centre County residents for supporting services in the arts, education, healthcare, animal welfare, and social services.

Notably, Centre Volunteers in Medicine received the highest donations at \$108,374, while Centre County PAWS garnered the most unique donors, totaling 681.

The success of Centre Gives 2025 underscores the power of community-driven philanthropy and serves as an inspiring model for other regions.

Mr. Speaker, I express my heartfelt congratulations to the Centre Foundation, all participating nonprofits, and the generous donors who made this possible. Together, they have strengthened the fabric of their community and set a shining example for all of us.

TORNADO IN ST. LOUIS

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, a catastrophic tornado struck the heart of St. Louis, killing five of our neighbors, injuring dozens more, and causing more than \$1.6 billion in projected damage.

Over 5,000 buildings were hit, power lines are down, critical infrastructure remains unstable, and entire neighborhoods are waking up to devastation.

Even in the middle of all that loss, St. Louis showed out. St. Louis showed up and showed what it is made of. Neighbors checked on neighbors. Teachers sheltered students. First responders put themselves in harm's way to keep others safe, and I thank them all.

This is not just a Democratic or a Republican issue. This is an all-of-the-above issue. From the Governor, the mayor, municipal mayors, the county executives, State representatives and senators, city alderpersons, county leaders, and especially regular citizens who have been working so hard for their community, I acknowledge these leaders.

Right now, thousands are still without power. Schools are closed, and families are grieving. Faith without works is dead, and we need the prayers of our constituents.

It will take a lot of work. I urge FEMA and the administration to work quickly. St. Louis can and will rebuild, but we cannot be left to do it alone. We have been through a lot. Working together, we are going to get through this, too.

TRUMP RECOVERS JOBS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, for too long American workers have shouldered the burden of trade policies that reward the Chinese Communist Party billionaires, destroying American jobs.

Mr. Speaker, 3.8 million American jobs were lost to China from 2001 through early 2023, including 60,000 jobs in South Carolina.

Reliance on the Chinese Communist Party jeopardizes American national security.

Overall, China is the largest source for the manufacture of cell phones, toys, computers, and other products. President Donald Trump has long recognized this problem. Last week, one-on-one discussions between America and China produced agreements to dramatically reduce tariffs, while establishing a path forward to manage the China challenge.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin's lies, violating NATO airspace and insulting Trump last Tuesday with a Russian jet over the Gulf of Finland escorting a shadow ship, threatening Estonia, our NATO ally.

HONORING WILLING WARRIORS

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Willing Warriors and the upcoming 10-year anniversary of the Warrior Retreat.

Willing Warriors is an organization in Haymarket, Virginia, that supports wounded, ill, and injured servicemembers. They provide cost-free, nonmedical respite stays in a supportive environment.

Since opening in 2015, they have hosted over 2,800 Warriors and family members, where they can escape hospital settings to relax, rejuvenate, and reconnect with their families and support networks.

Through vital partnerships with Walter Reed, Fort Belvoir, and countless community organizations, their impact stretches far beyond the retreat's 37 peaceful acres.

Their newest addition, the PenFed Grand Lodge, offers group stays, resiliency training, and PTSD counseling.

I commend the Willing Warriors for their dedication to those who have sacrificed for our Nation. Congratulations on 10 years of the Warrior Retreat.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROGER GOFORTH

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

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Roger Eugene Goforth from my hometown of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

For over 30 years, Roger served with the Kings Mountain Police Department. He took pride in that role, using it as an opportunity to keep the community safe and to help his neighbors in any way he could.

Roger was the kind of person who showed up wherever he was needed. He drove a schoolbus for the Kings Mountain schools, worked for decades at