

As tensions were rising in Los Angeles in the 1990s, he launched The Korea Times English Edition to give Korean Americans a place where their stories could be told on their own terms in the media.

K.W. Lee's life is defined by his tireless pursuit of the truth and paving the way for Asian Americans to have a place in journalism and have their voices be heard. After 96 years of fearless journalism, he will be deeply missed.

#### RECOGNIZING EMMITT NOLAN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to thank a dedicated public servant and also a dear friend, Emmitt Nolan, for his 10 years of honorable service to the people of Georgia's First Congressional District.

Emmitt has been a vital part of our team in the Golden Isles. He has served as a trusted representative of our office, building strong relationships and faithfully carrying out the concerns of our constituents.

Throughout his time in public service, from serving on the Brunswick City Commission, to attending countless civic and cultural events, Emmitt has proven himself to be deeply committed to our community. He is often found not in the spotlight but quietly supporting the causes and people that matter most.

I have known Emmitt since he managed my opponent's campaign for Congress. I had to get that in. Even then, his character, kindness, and grasp of the issues stood out. It is no surprise that he has become a mentor and a role model to others following in his footsteps.

As he transitions to the private sector, I have no doubt Emmitt will continue making a difference.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Emmitt Nolan for his decade of service to the First Congressional District of Georgia and wishing him every success in the next chapter of his life.

#### HONORING CINDY RAMOS-DAVIDSON

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

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary career of Cindy Ramos-Davidson, who retired after nearly 27 years of remarkable leadership as the chief executive officer of the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Under her leadership, the El Paso Hispanic Chamber became a powerful voice for small businesses, especially those owned by minorities, veterans, and women.

Cindy's vision was transformative. During her time the Chamber was repeatedly recognized as a leader in the national Hispanic business community, winning numerous awards from both the Texas Association of Mexican American Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Cindy's commitment to entrepreneurship and business development has created opportunities for countless individuals and businesses. As she steps away from her role, her advocacy for the entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to the El Paso region will continue to leave an impactful legacy on the small business community.

#### IMPACT OF REPUBLICAN BUDGET

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, America's worst budget ever is what we are voting on this week. It is essentially a tax scam that will benefit the wealthiest of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, 196,000 people in my district will have their healthcare taken away, including 73,000 children and 27,000 seniors. Continuing a cap on the State and local tax and SALT deduction, instead of full restoration means New Yorkers will keep paying more in Federal taxes. It is all for tax breaks and giveaways to those who don't need it.

Mr. Speaker, 74,000 people in my district will lose their SNAP benefits, which will make it difficult or impossible to put food on the table. These are the deepest cuts to food assistance ever. The result is more hungry children.

Last week, our country's bond rating was dropped one grade down from AAA. We need to change the direction of our country's economic future. This bill doesn't do that, no matter what my colleagues hear on the floor this week. In fact, it will add \$5 trillion to the national debt.

Mr. Speaker, spin it any way you want. Everyday Americans will suffer from this budget.

#### PALM SPRINGS IVF FACILITY EXPLOSION

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, despite the deliberate and targeted domestic terrorist bomb attack at the American Reproductive Centers IVF facility in Palm Springs, Dr. Abdullah, his staff, and all eggs and embryos are safe, thank God.

Palm Springs is strong. The people are beautiful, resilient, inclusive, accepting, and cherish their community. All law enforcement and first responders acted with courage, professionalism, and excellence.

I and all the people in the surrounding communities and in Palm Springs thank Police Chief Andy Mills, Fire Chief Paul Alvarado, FBI Assistant Director Akil Davis, and all law enforcement officers, first responders, and healthcare professionals who responded swiftly and effectively.

Thanks to their rapid response, all those injured in the bombing have been released from the hospital, and Palm Springs is safe.

To the people of Palm Springs, my heart is with them, and I stand by them.

#### FREMONT RAIL ACCIDENT

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart after the deadly rail accident that occurred last night in my district in Fremont, Ohio.

The incident took place near the Miles Newton Bridge above the Sandusky River around 7 p.m. This is a popular fishing spot during white bass season, and anglers come from around the country.

Tragically, a family from Fort Wayne, Indiana, was walking along the rail bridge when the train began signaling its approach. We now know that three lives have been lost, with a fourth hospitalized in critical condition.

While names have not been released, we know that a 58-year-old mother; her daughter, who was 38 years old; and a 5-year-old child were among the casualties. A 14-month-old child was saved from the water by a 16-year-old bystander who dove into the water to save the infant's life.

I will continue to urge the National Transportation Safety Board to fully investigate this tragic accident.

I thank Fremont Mayor Danny Sanchez and rail union leaders for their full engagement. We all hope to provide more information in the near future.

Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers remain with the families of those lost and injured, the brave first responders, the medical personnel, locomotive engineers, and, obviously, Mayor Sanchez and the entire city council of Fremont.

#### ATTACKS ON NONPROFITS

(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 oppose our administration's attacks on our Nation's nonprofit sector.

Since January, our President has launched an all-out assault on our Nation's nonprofits, threatening to pull funding and proposing executive orders that target our groups serving the good people of the United States.

With Republicans pushing a reconciliation bill that would kick millions off from their medical care, the administration has also created an unprecedented attack with power to revoke nonprofit status.

The reconciliation bill would allow the executive branch to revoke status from nonprofits that they believe are terrorist-supporting organizations without requiring evidence, meaning no due process.

This vague provision is Trump's way of targeting organizations that he opposes or that just don't align with his agenda. Those are organizations that are doing right in our communities, and we have to say no.

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#### BABY BONDS

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of investing in every child's future.

Six years ago, I joined Senator BOOKER to introduce baby bonds legislation to disrupt the cycle of intergenerational poverty, close the racial wealth gap, and ensure every 18-year-old has the financial opportunity to go to college, buy a home, or start a business.

Now, Republicans are stealing a good idea and twisting it. The so-called MAGA accounts in their reconciliation bill are intentionally designed to help the rich get richer while poor children are left further and further behind.

Their proposal would weaponize the tax code to exacerbate wealth inequality, ignore the expertise of economists, and penalize States and non-profits that try to help low-income families.

In America, a child born into poverty is likely to stay there through their adult lives. That is a policy choice, and a violent one.

Our babies deserve better. Our babies deserve opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this regressive proposal and support true baby bonds.

#### WESTERN MARYLAND FLOODS

(Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the first responders and local leaders who have been working tirelessly to address the fallout from last week's major flooding in Allegany and Garrett Counties.

Stormwater rushed through Westernport and Lonaconing in western Maryland last Tuesday, washing out gas lines, damaging roads and bridges, and flooding businesses, homes, and even the local firehouse and library.

When students and faculty were trapped in Westernport and George's

Creek Elementary Schools, swift water rescue teams answered the call, bringing more than 200 students to safety while waters rose.

This flood only underscores how important it is to fully fund FEMA and to make sure that FEMA continues to help those who are most struck by disaster. Severe weather events are hurting communities across this country at rates we have never seen before.

While we are still assessing the damage, we know that Federal assistance will be necessary for a full recovery. Although the road ahead will be challenging, western Maryland will remain stronger because of the storm.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to keep my constituents in their prayers and also all those impacted by storms during the past week.

#### HONORING SARA SCHALLER, CARNEGIE MEDAL RECIPIENT

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise to honor Ms. Sara Schaller from Hammond, Indiana, who was a recent recipient of the Carnegie Medal.

Northwest Indiana is home to over 40 miles of incredible shoreline on Lake Michigan, which is a tremendous attraction for tourism and our economy, but also can at times pose great dangers with its currents and riptides.

In 2023, Ms. Schaller observed a 14-year-old girl who had been caught in a dangerous current, and without hesitation, she courageously swam over 300 feet to rescue her. Where many hesitated, Sara stepped up and took life-saving action.

The Carnegie Medal is awarded to civilians who enter extreme danger, risk death or serious injury while saving or attempting to save the lives of others, and it was recently my honor to present Sara with this prestigious award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all my colleagues join me in honoring Ms. Sara Schaller for her quick and courageous action and congratulate her on her deserved recognition.

#### WHAT IS THE RECONCILIATION BILL HIDING?

(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, the American people deserve to know what is happening in this body this week as the GOP is intentionally making moves in the dark of night.

Last night at 10 p.m., the Budget Committee passed the reconciliation bill by one vote while four Republicans sat it out, and tomorrow night they will move this shame-filled bill at 1 a.m. in the Rules Committee.

What don't they want the American people to know?

Is it that their bill will take away healthcare from 13.7 million people? Is it that it will take food out of the mouths of children? Is it that it will gut environmental programs? Is it that it gives giveaways to tech companies and their buddies, or that it increases taxes on working Americans who are struggling to put food on the table?

Mr. Speaker, let me be clear: When you convene in the dark of night or whether you do it or not, we will be there fighting for our communities. We will be fighting for our elders. We will be fighting for our veterans. We will be fighting for our kids, and fighting for the future and the dignity of this country and our communities.

#### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION: ERASING BLACK HISTORY

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Ms. BROWN of Ohio was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous materials on the subject of this special order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIGAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to co-anchor this CBC Special Order hour along with my distinguished colleague, Representative KAMLAGER-DOVE.

For the next 60 minutes, members of the CBC have an opportunity to speak directly to the American people on erasing Black history, an issue of great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus, Congress, the constituents we represent, as well as all Americans.

It is with great honor that I rise today to lead this CBC Special Order hour. For the next hour, members of the CBC will speak directly to the American people on the topic of Black history and ongoing efforts to erase that history.

Mr. Speaker, this is a time of fear, worry, and anxiety for millions of Americans. President Trump said that he was going to usher in a golden age. However, after 119 long, long days of this Presidency, it hasn't felt like a golden age. It has felt like a dark age, especially for Black Americans.

President Trump and his administration have attacked diversity, equity, and inclusion programs in the government, in schools, and in the private sector.

President Trump has rolled back anti-discrimination laws, and Trump has tried to freeze Federal funds that benefit Black communities, including in my district in my hometown of Cleveland, Ohio.

It is not just about his actions. It is also about his words, his rhetoric, and what he values.