

Throughout his career, Chief Ferguson has trained thousands of students, instilling in them the knowledge, skill, and integrity that the profession demands.

Chief Ferguson's impact extends beyond the classroom. He was recently appointed EMS Chief at Moshannon Valley EMS, where he continues to lead with distinction.

In 2019, he was also honored with the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health Community Star Award, recognizing his contributions to improving rural healthcare.

Chief Ferguson holds a bachelor's of science in microbiology from Penn State University and multiple degrees in emergency medicine, underscoring his deep commitment to both science and service.

Mr. Speaker, National EMS Week is about more than recognition. It is about gratitude. It is about coming together as a nation to thank the EMTs, paramedics, dispatchers, trainers, and supervisors who stand ready every day and every night and in every corner of this country.

I congratulate Chief Ferguson and thank every EMS professional for their courage, care, and commitment to saving lives. America is stronger, safer, and more resilient because of them.

#### EARTHQUAKER DEVICES SOUNDS THE ALARM

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to lift up the voice of Julie Robbins, a small business owner from Akron, Ohio, who is sounding the alarm on behalf of hardworking Americans across the country.

EarthQuaker Devices is a homegrown success story in downtown Akron, located in Ohio's 13th Congressional District. They manufacture guitar effect pedals, which are sold across the world, and everything from design to assembly is done right here in the United States.

EarthQuaker Devices employs 34 workers and offers premium health insurance, paid sick leave, a 401(k) match, and competitive wages.

In 2019, they were recognized as the SBA Exporter of the Year. In 2022, after decades of success, they invested in a state-of-the-art automated production line.

This is what American manufacturing should look like, and it is the kind of manufacturing that helped build the middle class in Ohio and across the heartland.

When we talk about supporting American businesses, EarthQuaker is who we should be talking about, and that is why I am talking about them today.

Today, they are facing devastating consequences. Mr. Speaker, you may ask why. It is because of reckless tariff policies.

EarthQuaker Devices imports raw materials because there are no domes-

tic suppliers for the specialized electronic components that they need, but they export even more than they import. That means they bring in more money to our economy. They create jobs right here at home and in my district.

The President's tariffs have increased their cost of goods by \$500,000. Let me be more specific. The cost per pedal that currently costs \$0.02 would increase to \$12.80 by the end of the year, according to an article in the Akron Beacon Journal. That is a 640 percent increase in costs.

With no relief in sight, they are being forced to raise prices, cut staff, and halt domestic innovation, all because of a policy that was supposed to help American manufacturing.

Julie wrote to me earlier this year, and she said: "Our effective tax rate has skyrocketed, with no explanation or benefit to us. . . . Where is the relief for businesses? Does the government truly not understand the impact of their actions, or is it their goal to destroy us?"

She goes on to say: "For the first time, I am considering offshoring our manufacturing. This had never been an option for me, but these changes imposed on American businesses make it extremely difficult to manufacture here."

Mr. Speaker, think about that for a moment. The President's tariff policy, which he alleges is meant to drive domestic innovation and manufacturing, is causing a small but mighty business in Akron to consider offshoring their manufacturing.

This doesn't help Ohio's 13th District and the State of Ohio, and it does not help the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, let's be very clear. Tariffs are a useful tool to level the playing field, and, when properly implemented, they can create jobs and spur manufacturing. As someone from northeast Ohio, I have seen the consequences of bad trade deals and the impact of NAFTA. We are also home to President William McKinley, who the President often quotes and references in his trade policy, but it is 2025, and it is not making America great again to push American manufacturing offshore.

Ohio exports more to Canada than its next six largest foreign markets combined. This country slapped tariffs on our allies. They retaliated, and it is our workers, businesses, and communities who pay the price. Foreign governments are not paying for these taxes, as the President has claimed.

In 2023, Ohio exported over \$58 billion of goods and services. That is not just trade. It is opportunity, jobs, and growth, and it is all being put at risk because of impulsive executive orders and a Congress that refuses to check and balance the administration.

If our goal is to stop offshoring and revitalize American manufacturing, why are we punishing the companies that are driving innovation, the ones who are footing the bill?

EarthQuaker Devices isn't some multinational conglomerate dodging taxes and hiding profits offshore. They are a small business that turned a passion for music and creativity into a business. They are our neighbors. They care about our community, and they give back. We should make it easier for them, not harder.

To lower costs, let's go after the price-gouging billionaires and corporate monopolies, not small business owners keeping our communities alive.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to listen to the voices of our constituents like Julie. Julie closed her letter to me with a plea not just for her business but for future generations and for the future of manufacturing in this country.

Let us not fail them. Let us not fail Americans.

#### RECOGNIZING ALHAMBRA THEATER & DINING

(Mr. BEAN of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, they say all the world is a stage, but in Jacksonville, Florida, the best seat in the house comes with dinner and a standing ovation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great excitement that I rise today to recognize the Alhambra Theater & Dining in Jacksonville, Florida—are you ready for this, Mr. Speaker?—for being named the Best Dinner Theater in America by USA Today's Readers' Choice Awards.

Since opening its doors in 1967, the Alhambra has brought Broadway to Florida's First Coast, hosting a wide variety of shows, musicals, comedies, and tribute acts.

Under the visionary leadership of my good friend, Managing Partner Craig Smith, the Alhambra has evolved into a unique destination where art, entertainment, and culinary excellence converge to create an unparalleled experience.

Mr. Speaker, the Alhambra isn't just a destination. It is a source of community pride, a cultural beacon, and a testament to the power of community and the arts.

As we celebrate this incredible honor, I look forward to more captivating performances, more incredible meals, and more nights filled with the joy that only the Alhambra can provide.

When Craig is there, and he is most nights, he personally welcomes each audience. When you step through the doors, Mr. Speaker, you are not just attending a show. You are stepping into a legacy, one that continues to shine brighter with each curtain call.

Earning this recognition is no small feat. I congratulate Craig and the entire Alhambra team on this well-deserved honor, and here's to many more standing ovations.

#### HONORING SERGEANT BILLY O'LEARY

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, we are all in a hurry. We rush through life, and sometimes, we don't know the impact we have on others.

One of my favorite books is by Mitch Albom, "The Five People You Meet in Heaven." The book says that when you get to Heaven, you get to see other people's lives, the impact you had on their lives, and how it unfolded.

On the other hand, Mr. Speaker, we know the people who have very much impacted our own lives, such as Sergeant Billy O'Leary, who was, indeed, a giant of a man in northeast Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Sergeant Billy O'Leary, of Fernandina Beach, Florida, a man who dedicated himself to service, leadership, and community that few people can match.

Billy's passing was tragic and sudden. It hurts. It leaves an undeniable void. His legacy, one built on honor and commitment, will live on in the hearts of those whom he had an impact on.

Billy will be missed by his sister, Robin; his children, Skylar, Caitlin, and Emery; three beautiful grandchildren; and scores of friends and co-workers.

Billy, first and foremost, was a man of service. He answered the call to defend his country as a United States marine, proudly serving 4 years with discipline and courage. Afterward, he made the transition to law enforcement, serving with the Fernandina Beach Police Department and continuing with a 25-year tenure with the Nassau County Sheriff's Office. As a sergeant, he led with integrity, mentoring officers and strengthening public safety to ensure that his community remained safe.

Billy's impact, Mr. Speaker, stretched far beyond the badge. He played football for the Fernandina Beach Pirates and went on to play for Newberry College. When he returned home, he constantly coached for Babe Ruth baseball and Pop Warner football, and he poured his heart into Pirate Athletics. He was the voice of the Pirates. At every football game, Mr. Speaker, you would hear Billy-O with the call.

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He was president of the Quarterback Club, which is the fundraising arm for the football team. Our kid was on the football team. Like so many others, our kid graduated—sorry, Mr. Speaker. He was just a big deal.

So many others that are a part of this Quarterback Club where their kids had already graduated years ago are part of a group that could not say no to Billy O. We keep working for the football team because nobody wants to tell this guy no. He would say: Help us out. It is for the kids.

Mr. Speaker, Billy was a marine, a protector, a coach, a voice, a leader. He was just a friend. He was my friend. I am—it hurts. I think, Mr. Speaker, why it hurts so much is because the impact he made was so great.

God speed to Billy. He will be missed but not forgotten.

#### GLOBAL REPORT ON FOOD CRISIS

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 13th time to call for the Trump administration to restore funding for lifesaving food aid for malnourished children across the world.

Every 7 seconds a child in this world dies of malnutrition, of starvation, needlessly and unnecessarily. For decades, the United States has saved lives, particularly by providing funding for ready-to-use therapeutic food, also known as Plumpy'Nut. This is a miracle treatment. This is a peanut-based paste that treats malnutrition, doesn't need to be refrigerated, and can be shipped around the world. You don't need to add water, and it saves the lives of children.

Edesia Nutrition in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, is one of the factories that produces Plumpy'Nut. From that factory alone, over the last decade, 25 million children have been saved with this treatment.

Funding was cut off at the beginning of the Trump administration under the so-called DOGE initiative, and every day that this product sits in warehouses in Rhode Island is a day that children around the world are unnecessarily dying.

Now, the good news is that Elon Musk, Marco Rubio, and others have said that this funding will be restored. In fact, just yesterday, at his Senate hearing, Secretary Rubio said again that essential humanitarian aid, he meant food aid, will be continued. So do it already.

It is good that the administration is saying that they intend to continue providing this aid around the world, but they need to do it. Again, there are thousands of boxes of this ready-to-use food sitting in warehouses here in the United States that should be getting to the children who need it.

Every day that the United States fails to provide this aid is a day that China and our other adversaries have an opportunity to step into the void and earn goodwill around the world.

As the Secretary pointed out yesterday—and Secretary Rubio said this—China's generosity is not free. China's generosity comes with a price. It comes with a price of subservience and dependency on the Chinese Communist Party. That is not what we want.

We want the developing world to be allied with the United States, for our own reasons: so that we can have access to critical minerals, so that we can have access to intelligence, and so that we can beat back terrorist organizations that would otherwise threaten U.S. interests.

We want the goodwill of the developing world, and we can maintain that goodwill by continuing our commitment to doing our part to end global hunger with U.S.-produced products, sourced from U.S. farmers, manufactured in U.S. factories that help build U.S. goodwill around the world.

That is what we want to continue. We do not want to give an opportunity to China or anybody else to fill the void that is being created right now.

The Global Report on Food Crises published last Friday by the U.N. confirms what we have been warning. The number of people facing famine has more than doubled in the last year. Malnutrition globally is on the rise. This is a global emergency, one that the United States has the greatest capacity to help solve.

The burden should not and cannot fall entirely on us, but leadership comes with a responsibility. We have the responsibility to continue to do our part. The moment is calling us.

Once again, I will rise in this Chamber every single day until the administration does what it says it is going to do and continues funding ready-to-use therapeutic food.

I am not asking the administration to change their policy. We are asking them to just execute on their stated policy, and do what they said they were going to do, which is: Continue the funding. Resume the flow of aid. Save the lives of malnourished children around the world, and strengthen America in the process.

#### ONE BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL

(Mr. MANN of Kansas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, this past November, the country voted overwhelmingly to send Republican majorities to the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate and put President Donald Trump back in the White House. That mandate made it clear that the American people were ready to get the country back on track. We wanted less government spending, more secure borders, and we wanted to see the 2017 tax cuts made permanent to prevent tax hikes on every American. The majority cannot take that mandate for granted, and this week we have the opportunity to give the country what they voted for.

Our one big, beautiful bill is exactly what voters want. It delivers the largest tax cut for middle- and working-class families in decades. It cuts taxes on tips and overtime, allowing American workers to keep more of their hard-earned money. It increases the child tax credit, which helps offset some of the costs of raising a family. It extends and expands the 199A business tax deduction, which will help incentivize investment across the country and spur economic growth. Our bill is the most proworker, profamily legislation Congress has seen in a generation.

The one big, beautiful bill will secure the border once and for all and make America safe again. The border was the number one issue on the campaign trail, and President Trump and his administration have made historic efforts to remove bad actors here illegally and make our country safe again. Illegal