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Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Chris Lane Gay of Pooler, Georgia.

Chris started his career in the grocery industry in Garden City Piggly Wiggly, playing a key role in developing Red & White Food Stores in Savannah. He owned Midtown Market on 37th Street, Claxton Supermarket, and Food Fresh in Claxton, Georgia.

Beyond his profession, Chris was a member of the Claxton community, serving on the Claxton-Evans County Chamber of Commerce board of directors for over 25 years. He played an instrumental role in forming the Chamber Junior Board, served on the Claxton Downtown Development Authority and the Georgia Food Industry Association, and was a past member of the Claxton Rotary.

It is clear that Chris would go above and beyond for the community he cared so deeply about. He was the kind of supporter and cheerleader everyone would be lucky to have.

Chris, a talented storyteller and comedian, made connections wherever he went, creating valuable memories for his friends and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in prayers for his family and all privileged enough to know him and to love him.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

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

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I got this message from an Oregonian named Donna. She says: "Please fight to protect Federal employee retirement benefits. They should not be slashed. Federal employees are currently putting up with so much to keep this country running.

"Immediately reducing our pay and benefits on top of everything else is a kick in the teeth. It is also a bait and switch. It should not be legal. I was promised certain benefits when I started, and they should not be taken away from me when I am less than 2 years from retirement.

"Who is going to run the government? You know, provide services that keep the planes in the sky, the power flowing, the food safe, and warn of pending major life-threatening events, events like hurricanes and infectious diseases? Who will want to work for the American people after this latest attack? Stop abusing us."

Mr. Speaker, I challenge you to explain these cuts to Donna.

CELEBRATING SAVANNAH RIVER SITE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

(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, President Harry Truman pro-

posed in 1950 the Savannah River Site for the development of nuclear weapons in support of American defense.

Succeeding in the goal of peace through strength with victory over communism, the end of the Cold War resulted in a drawdown of nuclear weapon processing, shifting focus to missions and environmental cleanup.

Mr. Speaker, 75 years later, South Carolina recognizes the positive impact the Savannah River Site has made for American national security and families, creating jobs.

I am grateful the Savannah River Site is ensuring national security and communities are safe. I wish them a happy 75th anniversary.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting and mocking Trump with record drone attacks, murdering civilians as the Putin incompetent Air Force is destroyed by talented Ukrainians.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET WILL MAKE US SICKER

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, it is hard not to feel like this administration is trying to kill us.

The Republican budget slashes billions of dollars from Medicaid and food assistance programs. Millions will lose their health insurance and will be hungrier and sicker.

It gets worse. In his 2026 budget, Trump has called for a 40 percent cut to the National Institutes of Health. He wants a 44 percent cut to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and he is urging Republicans to cut billions of dollars from the National Cancer Institute.

For over 50 years, every major medical breakthrough that has happened in the treatment of cancer has been linked to our Federal investments. Americans are not demanding that we cut money to fund cancer research, Mr. Speaker, I promise you that. They are not calling for these cuts.

Of course, as the irrepressibly cheerful JONI ERNST reminded Americans last week, that is okay because we all are going to die. I just don't think Americans thought the Trump administration would be actively trying to speed up our deaths, but here we are.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BILL LAYTON

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bill Layton, a devoted father, a sharp political mind, and a respected leader in New Jersey Republican politics.

Having served as a strategist before coming to Congress, I understand firsthand how demanding yet rewarding the work was that Bill dedicated his life to.

Bill wasn't just effective. He was principled. He believed in earning trust, building coalitions, and doing the hard work behind the scenes that helps good people win and serve their communities well. He shaped a generation of leaders in south Jersey, and he did it with a steadiness and clarity that many of us, as politicians, aspire to.

Furthermore, I am proud to have his son, Will, now serving in my office as part of my legislative team.

Will carries his father's same intellect and quiet strength. It is a daily reminder of the example Bill set, not just the politics, but in being a true mentor for anyone who actually is paying attention.

To the Layton family: Bill's legacy lives on in the work being done today in New Jersey, in this Chamber, and beyond.

SUPPORTING CTE

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

Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank my colleague, Chairman WILLIAMS, for his leadership on a bipartisan bill that we passed earlier today to ensure that small businesses have access to information about career and technical education programs and that helps them, more importantly, hire both accomplished and competent CTE graduates.

I am proud to co-lead this effort as someone who prioritized workforce development as well as career and technical education in my prior roles. As Baltimore County executive, I helped implement a \$3.3 billion school improvement plan with a strong emphasis on CTE. I created the Public Health Pathways Program, connecting residents with high-demand nursing jobs. As a State legislator, I helped create the Maryland Employment Advancement Right Now Program, addressing the needs of workers by creating formal career pathways to good jobs.

These efforts work. Countless Americans are hungry for employment and are seeking opportunities to improve their livelihoods by pursuing their passions.

This bill is just one of many steps we need to take to build a strong pipeline of skilled workers in high-need industries.

CTE graduates have the skills and dedication that Maryland and American small businesses need, and I thank my colleagues for supporting this commonsense bill.

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CALLING ON CONGRESS TO CODIFY THE DOGE CUTS

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

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. What do you call it when the world's wealthiest man, leading some of the most innovative companies in history, offers his unmatched genius to save American taxpayers billions?

You call it a blessing, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to urge my colleagues to not let this opportunity slip through our fingers.

For 5 months, Elon Musk and the DOGE team have toiled relentlessly, far outpacing this Congress, to deliver bold results for the hardworking Americans back home. They have crushed Social Security fraud, exposed wasteful government agencies, and stopped USAID's disturbing pet projects. These are meaningless if we as Congress fail to codify these reforms into law.

No excuses. No delays. We must vote on the DOGE cuts this week. Republicans have abundantly praised DOGE efforts. Americans are expecting it. Now is the time to stop talking and start acting.

OPPOSING MEDICAID CUTS

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound opposition to the callous cuts to Medicaid included in the House majority's reconciliation legislation.

Throughout my career, I have worked to support all individuals when they need emergency assistance or encounter a setback in the economy. I have seen the tangible value of the Medicaid program in northwest Indiana and how it predominantly assists seniors, individuals with disabilities, and children.

It is deeply regrettable that this misguided legislation will not only strip away these healthcare benefits, but it also increases private healthcare costs and reduces services for everyone.

Take Jake, a high school student who uses a wheelchair. He relies on a Medicaid waiver for school support and depends on our healthcare system to move, thrive, and survive. Cutting his Medicaid isn't just wrong, it is cruel.

This legislation amounts to the largest transfer of wealth from the pockets of the most vulnerable and working families to the richest among us.

I urge my Senate colleagues to reject this harmful legislation.

RECOGNIZING LYNDSEY GRAY

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished Brevard County resident and Army veteran, Lyndsay Gray.

Enlisting in 2006, Ms. Gray served over a decade as a radiology technologist.

After training at Fort Sam Houston and Fort Leonard Wood, she was stationed at Walter Reed, where she led the mammography department and was selected as a cadre for the Combat Medical Badge course.

She later deployed to Afghanistan, where she trained over 200 coalition troops and American troops in combat lifesaver skills.

Lyndsay medically retired in 2017 after service-connected injuries, but today, Lyndsay is pursuing her Ph.D. and continues to serve fellow veterans in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Lyndsay Gray for outstanding service and her lasting contribution to Floridians and all Americans.

CONGRATULATING BAPS CHARITIES AND BAPS TEMPLE WALKATHONS

(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 to congratulate BAPS Charities and the BAPS Temple in Chantilly for hosting its annual walkathon at One Loudoun in Ashburn.

The walk, which I was proud to join, was a huge success and raised money for Mobile Hope which serves at-risk youth in Loudoun County. BAPS Charities is a global charity, active across the country and in nine other countries, and its efforts are volunteer-led.

BAPS Charities aims to express a spirit of selfless service through five key areas: health awareness, educational services, humanitarian relief, environmental protection and preservation, and community empowerment. Events and walks like the one this past week happen all over the country and make a huge difference.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate BAPS Charities on a great event and all of its great work.

BOULDER TERRORIST ATTACK

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

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the unspeakable tragedy that happened in Boulder, Colorado, in my home State of Colorado.

The person who perpetrated that crime obtained a visa in August of 2022. Their visa expired in February of 2023, and my home State of Colorado issued them a driver's license in July of 2024.

Mr. Speaker, Colorado lawmakers and our Governor gave him a sanctuary pass. This tragedy could have been

avoided. He also was blocked from buying a gun in 2024, and the Biden FBI and the Polis Colorado Bureau of Investigation were on notice and didn't do anything.

Let's pray for the victims and for our Jewish community.

SOUTH KOREA ELECTION

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the free people of South Korea for their commitment to democracy following today's election of Lee Jae-myung.

Like us, the people of South Korea have witnessed the mortal danger to democracy posed by lies, by corruption, and by illegal actions directed by those at the very top.

The Korean people responded with courage and defended their democracy through peaceful civil disobedience, through lawful impeachment, and, now, through a free and fair election.

They have shown strength, unity, and a dedication to the rule of law in a way that the rest of the world could do well to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I say to the citizens of South Korea, the people of the free world salute you.

RECOGNIZING EDDY HAYNES

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the inspiring career of Eddy Haynes who recently retired from Putnam County, Tennessee, Emergency Medical Services. For 37 years, he faithfully served his community as an advanced emergency medical technician.

Over the years, he endured long shifts and countless challenges but never lost sight of the mission: Helping people when they needed it most. Those who worked alongside Eddy described him as dedicated, a professional, and committed to the health and safety of others.

According to his coworkers, Eddy not only helped save lives, he shaped them by mentoring young EMTs. They noted that his calm demeanor under pressure instilled confidence in his team, and his intense sense of duty set a high standard for all who worked with him.

Mr. Speaker, Eddy's legacy of commitment to service in Putnam County will long endure. I congratulate Eddy. May he enjoy this well-deserved time off.

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REMEMBERING HOPE MAKRIS

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