

HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE DELIVERING ON THEIR PROMISE

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans delivered on our promise last month to the American people by passing the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. This landmark legislation makes the Trump tax cuts permanent, slashes taxes for working families and seniors, and eliminates taxes on tips and overtime. If you earned it, you should keep it.

It secures our border by finishing the wall, funding mass deportations, and giving our agents the resources they need to stop the fentanyl crisis and protect our communities.

It restores fiscal sanity by identifying \$1.6 trillion in wasteful spending for savings, ends taxpayer-funded transgender surgeries, and implements real work requirements for able-bodied adults who are benefiting from Medicaid or food stamp programs.

It unleashes American energy by reversing Biden's anti-energy mandates and brings back American jobs. It strengthens our national defense by modernizing our military, our shipyards, and our missile defense systems to keep America safe.

This bill reflects what Americans want: security, prosperity, and leadership. The Senate needs to act. Let's get this to President Trump's desk and deliver real results for the American people.

HONORING DAVID KIRSCHTEL

(Mr. LAWLER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a good man and an exceptional leader in my district, David Kirschtel, the chief executive officer of JCC Rockland.

Marking 25 years in June of this year, David has poured his heart into building the JCC into what it is today: a thriving center for fitness, early childhood education, summer camps, and cultural life.

The JCC has served not just the Jewish community, but the broader Rockland community, as well.

David's legacy goes beyond just the JCC. He was a driving force behind the global effort to honor the Munich 11, Israeli athletes murdered at the 1972 Olympics. Thanks to his work and the work of many others, the world finally paused to remember these victims with a moment of silence at the Tokyo Games in 2021.

In addition, he has been a leading voice in the effort to combat anti-Semitism, especially after the terrorist attack on October 7, 2023.

I am proud to call him a constituent and even prouder to call him a friend.

I thank David for setting an example that reminds all of us what it means to lead with heart, purpose, and persistence.

HONORING BOB STAGG ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of my

pastor and dear friend, Father Bob Stagg of the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Father Bob has been a guiding presence in my life and the lives of countless parishioners. Whether through his unwavering support for bringing folks of all walks of life into the fold, his thoughtful homilies, or the warmth of his many parish gatherings, Father Bob has led with heart, humor, and humility.

He is the kind of priest who is not afraid to speak plainly, laugh loudly over a beer, or show up when it matters most. Through it all, he has reminded me that living the Gospel truth means meeting people where they are, with compassion first.

Mr. Speaker, it has been 50 years since his ordination, and we thank Father Bob for his decades of faithful service. I thank him for the profound impact he has had on my faith and my family.

He will be missed at Sunday mass, but his presence will be felt in the community he helped to build.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM VINCENT MOTTO

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William Vincent Motto, a lifelong resident of Nyack, New York, who passed away on May 8, 2025, at the age of 87.

Bill spent more than 41 years with Orange and Rockland Utilities as a line foreman and gave nearly 70 years of dedicated volunteer service to the Orangetown Fire Company No. 1. He served as captain, as a longtime commissioner for the Nyack Fire Department, and as a driver, always stepping up for his neighbors and his community.

He was also a devoted family man. Bill and his wife, Beverly, were married for nearly 65 years, raising three daughters and building a life grounded in love, faith, and hard work. Whether it was woodworking, fishing, or taking his annual trip to South Bend to cheer on Notre Dame, Bill lived a full and meaningful life.

His commitment to service, his love of family, and his deep roots in Rockland County are what made him such a respected figure.

I extend my condolences to Beverly, their children and grandchildren, and all who knew and loved him.

May he rest in peace.

IN MEMORY OF FRANK "BUTCH" HAGEN

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Frank "Butch" Hagen, a proud veteran, a devoted public servant, and a beloved resident of Rockland County.

Born in the Bronx in 1950, Frank spent his life in service to others, first in the National Guard and the Army, and later as a village trustee and deputy mayor in Suffern. He was a steady presence in local organizations like The American Legion and the Lions Club, always showing up and always giving back.

More than anything, Frank was a family man. He raised four boys with

heart, humor, and grit. His sons remember him not just for his selflessness but for the joy he brought to life.

For instance, he led a sled ride down a snowy road in an old plastic boat because if it was fun, it was an option, and Frank made it happen.

He kept the peace. He led with love, and he never backed down from a challenge. His life was full, and his legacy will live on through his children, his grandchildren, and all who were lucky enough to know him.

I was proud to call him a friend, and his memory will always be a blessing to the Suffern community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JOSEPH GRAVINO

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district, Officer Joseph Gravino of Orangeburg, New York, who passed away suddenly on May 23 at just 37 years old.

Joe served the NYPD with distinction for 12 years, most recently as part of the Strategic Response Group. He faced every challenge with calm resolve, earning the trust of his colleagues and the gratitude of the city he served. He protected New Yorkers with honor, courage, and a deep sense of duty.

Yet, Joe's greatest role was at home as a husband to his beloved wife, Katie; and as a devoted father to their three children, Anthony, Juliana, and little Dominic.

Whether coaching a Little League game, showing up for a dance recital, or simply spending time together, Joe gave his heart fully to his family. Being described by those who knew him well, Joe Gravino was simply full of love.

Today, the people of Rockland County and the city of New York mourn his loss. May his memory be a source of strength to his family and community in the coming months and years.

CONGRATULATING NATHAN LUND ON RECEIVING MINNESOTA'S AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM 2025 OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

(Mrs. FISCHBACH of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Nathan Lund of Starbuck, Minnesota, on receiving Minnesota's Agriculture in the Classroom 2025 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

This award is given to K-12 educators who can creatively incorporate agriculture concepts into their teaching.

Nathan has taught fifth and sixth grade students at Glacial Hills Elementary School since 2001. His students have been able to grow their appreciation for agriculture through hands-on learning experiences, like maintaining a school garden and hosting food-making contests.

Community members have been grateful for Nathan's work in the classroom, as he has inspired many students

and helped them build important life skills.

I congratulate Nathan on this amazing achievement, and I wish him the best of luck as he continues his fantastic career.

CONGRATULATING DOMINIQUE CLASEMAN AND
AHREN JURGENSEN

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dominique Claseman and Ahren Jurgensen of Olivia, Minnesota, on raising nearly \$120,000 for a veterans memorial in their hometown.

Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago, Dominique raised over \$77,000 to construct a memorial for veterans. Since then, he has enlisted in the U.S. Army and is currently completing his basic training.

In less than a year, his younger brother, Ahren, who also intends to join the military after high school, raised \$40,000 to expand on the memorial, installing additional plaques, benches, flags, and pavers.

I congratulate Dominique and Ahren on their amazing achievements, and I thank them for their service to their community and to their country.

CELEBRATING LAWRENCE WEINRICH'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Lawrence Weinrich of Ottertail, Minnesota, on turning 100 years old last Friday, May 30.

Lawrence was born in Fergus Falls and grew up during the drought in the 1930s. He was one of the first drafted for the Korean war, serving 13 years. When he returned, he went to work for a lumber company and only quit chopping wood a couple of years ago.

Today, Lawrence is an avid dancer who goes out dancing at least five times a month in the winter and even more during the summer.

Lawrence credits his agility and dance ability to his active lifestyle as he walks frequently and has had several successful deer hunts. Reaching the century milestone is a testament to his strength, wisdom, and many lives he has touched over the years. I wish Lawrence a happy birthday and congratulate him on 100 amazing years.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FINE). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 59 minutes a.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 pro tempore (Mr. FINSTAD) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Loving God, draw us nearer to You this day that we may enjoy Your loving tenderness and so be inspired to share both Your grace and Your mercy with those around us.

As sure and confident as we may be in our intellect and abilities, in Your presence we are humbled to acknowledge how much more, in Your omniscience, You know. Yet, You allow us our mistakes and missteps. As You have forgiven us our faults, may we forgive others'.

As strongly and passionately as we are in the positions we take, in Your perfect will, we are enlightened by Your impartial embrace that receives us all despite our disparate leanings. As You value our ardor, may we find it in ourselves to respect others'.

As adamantly opposed as we are, not just in our politics but in our personalities, in Your peace, a peace that passes our simple understanding, we are compelled to set aside our enmity and strive for amity as we each seek to serve Your people. Because You first loved us, may we love one another.

Live in us this day, O Lord, as we pray in Your merciful name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MORELLE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HAMAS' DECLARATION OF MURDER

(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, on October 19, 2023, I gave a 1-minute speech which is, sadly, more true today than ever, with all deaths in Gaza being solely responsible to Hamas with the invasion and then using of children as human shields as directed by Iran, which must not have a nuclear weapon.

The enemies of civilization are gruesomely clear in their murderous intentions, as detailed in the Hamas Covenant of August 18, 1988, article 7: "The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees. . . . 'There is a Jew hiding behind me. Come and kill him.'"

The goal of Hamas, financed by Iran, is to murder all Jews worldwide. It is fake news that they care about the Palestinian people. Suffering by the Hamas-suppressed people of Gaza is solely Hamas dictated, which uses Palestinians as human shields to be murdered.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Donald Trump is reinstating 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. Now, 4,000 Soviet-built tanks have been destroyed by talented Ukrainians—20 years of production.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the Trump administration is going after the food budgets of regular people, canceling programs that improve access to nutritious, locally grown produce.

It is bad for consumers, bad for hungry people, bad for public health, and bad for farmers.

Last week, Trump doubled down on this cruelty, cutting the benefit for fruit and vegetables in the WIC program by two-thirds.

Who does that?

WIC provides pregnant women, new moms, and young children with the nutritious food they need to remain healthy, and the fruit and vegetable benefit has meant families can eat more nutritiously.

This budget would mean young kids get just \$10 per month, and breastfeeding moms will see their benefits reduced to \$13 per month.

Mr. Speaker, you have been to the grocery store, and \$10 doesn't buy you a whole lot of nutritious food in Trump's economy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Republican colleagues in Congress to do the right thing for once. Reject Trump's budget. Fully fund WIC to reverse the cuts to food programs, and end hunger now.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING DAVID C. MUNSON, JR.

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