

PERMITTING OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE TAKEN WHILE THE HOUSE IS IN ACTUAL SESSION ON A DATE DESIGNATED BY THE SPEAKER

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 469

Resolved, That on such date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives may designate, official photographs of the House may be taken while the House is in actual session. Payment for the costs associated with taking, preparing, and distributing such photographs may be made from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GOOD-BYE MICHAEL COMER

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, this week, we say good-bye to a longtime member of Team Scalise, Michael Comer.

Before joining Team Scalise, Michael began his Hill career working with the Education and Workforce Committee.

Michael has been a valuable member of my team for the past 7 years, starting as my digital director before moving up to deputy communications director.

From taking incredible videos and photos and designing eye-catching graphics to teaching other Hill staffers how they can best produce great content for Members of Congress, Michael's inspiring creativity and work ethic have been a major contribution not only to my team but to the entire Republican Conference as a whole.

As every Republican on Capitol Hill knows, Mr. Speaker, if you have a question on how to use digital media equipment or just create something that stands out, then you ask Michael Comer.

Many Members on the floor here today have taken pictures of his slides during Conference or asked for a graphic or a video he put together. He is an expert at conveying an important message in an interesting, creative, and attention-grabbing way.

I appreciate everything he has done for my team and the House Republican Conference. I know his experience and expertise will be a major asset in his next chapter.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Michael Comer well, and I congratulate him.

RECOGNIZING JAMES BROWN III

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the amazing James Brown III of Wilson, North Carolina, for not just one but two remarkable achievements.

James is graduating as the valedictorian of his class at Wilson Preparatory Academy, and if that is not enough, he is doing so with perfect attendance that dates all the way back to kindergarten—yes, kindergarten.

Using his words, James said: "I promised my grandmother that I would do well in school, and that is what I am going to do."

His late grandmother, Annie Pitt, would be so proud of James, as we all are.

I thank James for keeping his promise to his grandma. He has earned the title of the hardest working student in eastern North Carolina's class of 2025.

I congratulate the entire class.

As I think about your future, "I feel good." Now, James, keep making Grandma Annie proud.

U.S. ARMY DEVCOM AvMC PROTOTYPE INTEGRATION FACILITY

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

Mr. STRONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of an exceptional U.S. Army entity at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, the prototype integration facility, also known as the PIF.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention this facility is named after Dr. Larry O. Daniel, the beloved late grandfather of one of my district staffers.

Operating out of the DEVCOM Aviation and Missile Center, the PIF has been the Army's premier provider of rapid prototyping and integrated hardware for aviation and missile programs since opening its doors in June 2002.

The PIF personifies fast and efficient contracting, benefiting from its unique government-owned, government-operated, and contractor-supported model.

I encourage the Army to keep this effort going and to apply this same contracting concept more broadly.

Lastly, I thank the PIF team and wish them a happy anniversary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE HORACE JOHNSON, SR.

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

Mrs. FOUSHEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to the life of a dedicated public servant and civil rights champion, former Mayor Horace Johnson, Sr., of Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Mayor Johnson was a trailblazer in every sense of the word. As the first Black mayor of Hillsborough, his election marked a historic moment not just for the town but for the broader movement toward equity and representation in government, inspiring generations of future leaders.

Mayor Johnson's legacy reaches far beyond his title. He was a lifelong advocate for civil rights, school integration, and voting access, values that he upheld not only in word but in action.

Mayor Johnson understood that government could be a force for good, and he always lived with integrity, wisdom, and compassion. Throughout his many years of public service and leadership, the town of Hillsborough became not just more inclusive but more forward-thinking, more resilient, and more just.

Mr. Speaker, I join the town of Hillsborough in mourning the loss of a true pillar of our community, and I offer my deepest condolences to Mayor Johnson's family, loved ones, and the entire community during this difficult time.

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RECOGNIZING KATIE ANKROM

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katie Ankrom.

Katie is a junior at Portsmouth City Schools and a member of the Lady Trojans softball team and recently recorded her 300th career strikeout.

In the 2024–2025 season, Katie pitched over 136 innings and recorded 145 strikeouts. In addition to her success on the mound, Katie has been effective at the plate over the course of her career. She boasts a .332 on-base percentage and has driven in over 40 runs.

Beyond her success on the softball field, Katie is also a member of the Lady Trojans volleyball team. In 2024, she was named first team all-conference as she logged 42 kills. Katie's athletic achievement reflects her God-given talents and all the hard work she has put into improving her craft.

Youth sports have played an important role in the history of our Nation. They teach young people how to be hardworking, detail-oriented, and resilient. Katie's experience as a team leader has prepared her to be a leader in life, and I am excited to see what she accomplishes beyond high school.

All of southern Ohio is proud of Katie's accomplishments. If she has any tips for me before I play in the upcoming Congressional Baseball Game, I will gladly take them.

CUTS TO HEALTHCARE AND FOOD ASSISTANCE

(Mr. LANDSMAN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my constituents and the thousands of folks that have called our office begging Congress not to cut their healthcare or their food assistance all to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy.

One of the calls came from a single mother who just moved to Cincinnati to escape domestic violence. She is raising a daughter with disabilities and relies on Medicaid and food assistance. She relies on both to survive.

There is a 62-year-old woman on a fixed income. Food assistance is the only way she has enough food.

These stories matter because Trump and congressional Republicans are pushing this bill that cuts \$300 billion from food assistance and over \$1 trillion from healthcare. Mr. Speaker, 16 million Americans will lose their healthcare. Why? To pay for tax cuts for the superwealthy and big corporate investors.

It is a terrible bill. It is deeply unpopular. It will cost people their lives. Kill the bill. Save Americans.

CELEBRATING LOYS SADLER

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

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American patriot, Mr. Loys Virgil Sadler, known to his friends as "LV." Born on June 6, the day we celebrate as D-day, Mr. Speaker, he was born on June 6, 1925. This Friday, he will celebrate an incredible milestone, 100 years of life, liberty, and his pursuit of happiness because of his love for this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Sadler is a proud member of the Greatest Generation. When our country called during World War II, he answered without hesitation, serving honorably in the United States Coast Guard as a ship's serviceman barber, 3rd class. He put his hands to work and his heart into service, just like so many of the men and women of that time who built the great America that everyone knows today, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I worry that too many have forgotten that spirit that Mr. Sadler has, the grit, the patriotism, the unwavering belief in American exceptionalism. Mr. Sadler reminds us. He reminds us all what it means to serve, to sacrifice, and to live a meaningful life in the greatest country on Earth.

He remains active in his community, and today people join together to celebrate his life, his service, and his century of American greatness.

Mr. Speaker, I wish LV a happy 100th birthday. God bless him and God bless these United States.

BIG, UGLY BILL, CLEAN ENERGY TAX CREDITS.

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the big, ugly bill, which even Elon Musk has called a "disgusting abomination."

The big, ugly bill undermines the programs millions of Americans rely on to survive, like healthcare and food assistance. Perhaps less discussed is that it will increase your energy bills.

Right now, 80 million Americans are struggling to pay their electricity bills, and according to a recent report in The New York Times, this bill will make it worse.

The big, ugly bill ends tax credits to promote clean energy and will increase household energy costs by up to \$415 a year.

On top of that, ending the tax credits will lead to thousands of job losses nationwide, in red States and blue States. This comes as demand for electricity is surging, driving up costs even more.

Everyone in this body talks a good game about lowering costs; but when the time came to actually do something about costs, my House colleagues voted to put Big Oil CEOs over the American people.

I urge my friends in the Senate to fix this mess and actually lower energy prices for the American people.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. KILEY of California. I have good news for Californians. Today is the beginning of the end of high-speed rail, the biggest public infrastructure disaster in U.S. history.

A few months ago, I joined Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy in Los Angeles to announce an investigation and compliance review into the State's high-speed rail project. Today, the results are in.

The State, with respect to \$4 billion in grants that it took, is woefully out of compliance with the conditions of those grants, and, fundamentally, the audit found that this project has no viable path forward.

Of course, Californians have known that for a long time. They have spent \$17 billion and haven't laid any track. The New York Times found the project is not on track to be completed this century and will be \$100 billion over budget.

They initially told us that there would be a high-speed train from L.A. to San Francisco by the year 2020. Now, even the modest initial segment from Bakersfield to Merced is going to miss its 2033 deadline. Even if the train were to magically come into existence today, it would be decades-old technology.

It is time to end this embarrassment for our State once and for all and use our transportation dollars in ways that will actually benefit the quality of life of Californians.

RECOGNIZING LISA GISSENDANER

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Lisa Gissendanar, who retired recently as the Canton Program Director for The Ohio State University Young Scholars Program as this week's Champion of the Week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

Throughout her career, Lisa helped and supported countless students in Canton City Schools who aspired to be the first member of their family to attend college.

Through her work, she has made a lasting impact on our community, undoubtedly inspiring many more to strive for higher education.

The Young Scholars Program fosters generational change by instilling a college-going culture in underserved areas, inspiring younger siblings and peers to pursue higher education.

For her outstanding devotion, Lisa earned the respect and esteem of many. In the wake of her departure, I know her numerous contributions will not be forgotten. I am confident that her fine character and decisive leadership will be sorely missed.

Again, I thank Lisa Gissendanar for her distinguished career serving our community and congratulate her for being this week's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

RECOGNIZING UNITED WAY OF THE BRADFORD AREA

(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 United Way of the Bradford Area as they celebrate 100 years of dedicated service to our community.

Since 1925, the United Way chapter has been a driving force in improving lives across McKean and Potter Counties.

From supporting food pantries and emergency shelters to investing in youth mentorship, mental health resources, and financial literacy programs, they have touched every corner of our community. Their commitment to education, health, and financial stability ensures that families in need are never alone.

The United Way brings people together, nonprofits, businesses, volunteers, and donors, with the common goal to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities worldwide to advance a common good.

They have proven time and time again that when a community unites, anything is possible.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the staff; the board members; the partner agencies; and countless volunteers for their compassion, leadership, and hard work