

his distinguished service as Erie County attorney, Judge NeMoyer built a legal legacy grounded in integrity, intellect, and compassion.

He went on to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York and was later elected to the New York State Supreme Court. In 2016, his deep legal knowledge and fairness led him to be appointed to one of New York State's highest courts, the Appellate Division, where he served dutifully until his retirement in 2023.

Judge NeMoyer achieved so much in his life, which was to be expected by a man of such extraordinary intelligence. He was a brilliant man and a member of Mensa International. While always the smartest in the room, he used his Irish charm and personality to make everyone feel like they belonged.

Judge NeMoyer's final sendoff last week included friends from all across the political and philosophical divide, lifelong Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals alike, coming together to pay tribute to a man of great honor and integrity who never allowed politics to get in the way of his friendships and relationships. A true old-school politician, he was beloved by all.

Judge NeMoyer was a personal friend and a mentor of mine, and he swore me in to the New York State Senate in January 2011.

Also, as near and dear to his heart as his friends were was his affinity for Camp Turner. From his childhood to adulthood, he had a special affinity for and commitment to Camp Turner, demonstrating his continued dedication to helping youth in our community.

Above all his titles and achievements, Judge NeMoyer's greatest joy was his family. His beloved wife, Elyse; their four accomplished daughters, Caitlin, Dr. Erin, Dr. Amanda, and Dr. Rachel; and all of their beautiful children were his heart and soul. It is through them that his love and legacy will live on.

Judge NeMoyer was the kind of man who read *The Buffalo News* every day, who loved a good round of golf, and who cared deeply about the world around him. He never forgot where he came from, and he never stopped giving back.

Let us remember Judge Patrick NeMoyer not only for his service but for his kindness, humility, and unwavering commitment to justice.

May he rest in peace and power.

CONGRATULATING KATE HORAN

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. De La CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the director of the McAllen Public Library, Kate Horan, on receiving the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Library Association, the highest honor a library professional can receive in the great State of Texas.

This recognition is a testament to Kate's leadership, mentorship, and impact. Since moving to McAllen 20 years ago, Kate has been instrumental in transforming the library into what it is today. She took a vacant big-box store and grew it into the largest single-floor library in the United States. She instituted award-winning programs like the South Texas Book Festival, championed bilingual initiatives, and expanded library resources.

Kate has made the library more than just books. The McAllen Public Library hosts programs vital to our community, such as providing free lunches for students and job fairs to help connect south Texans with new employment opportunities.

Kate's dedication to McAllen and the surrounding area is inspiring. We are grateful for her leadership and for always putting our community first. I congratulate her on this well-deserved honor.

PUERTO RICO'S BETRAYAL OF OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

(Mr. HERNÁNDEZ of Puerto Rico was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the betrayal by the government of Puerto Rico to our immigrant communities.

This photo shows a Dominican dish known as "three blows"—it includes fried egg, fried salami, and fried cheese.

Needless to say, it breaks your heart. But it doesn't break your heart as much as the three blows of betrayal that the immigrant community in Puerto Rico has received at the hands of its government.

On January 19, the Governor of Puerto Rico said that immigrants on the island had nothing to worry about because ICE wasn't going to conduct raids outside the border with Mexico.

On January 26, the first raid occurred. Documented immigrants were detained, in violation of their rights.

That was the first blow.

On January 27, the Governor said she was going to cooperate with the President's immigration policies.

That was the second blow.

And yesterday, it came to light that the Department of Transportation and Public Works—which since 2013 has issued driver's licenses to individuals without questioning their immigration status—was sharing immigrant information with immigration agencies.

That was the third blow.

Let me be clear: We all want immigrants to have their paperwork in order. We all want those who break the law to face consequences.

But no one can defend a government deceiving its most vulnerable community. No one can defend a government asking for personal information to issue a driver's license and then handing it over to the federal government so they can be investigated and deported.

We are talking about human beings. We are talking about children who could lose their parents. We are talking about elderly people who could lose the children who care for them.

The Government of Puerto Rico will say that, if it doesn't cooperate, it would lose federal highway funds.

A lie. The federal government—the Constitution of the United States—assigns the power of the purse to Congress, and the executive branch cannot freeze funds that Congress has allocated for a specific purpose.

The Government of Puerto Rico can defend its self-government and its immigrant community's rights in court.

Twenty states have already done so. Twenty. They sued the federal government for conditioning federal funds on cooperation with immigration enforcement. And the Government of Puerto Rico? Coward.

In that lawsuit, the 20 states cited at least eight legal precedents in favor of jurisdictions that resisted similar pressure from the federal government. Eight precedents. And the Government of Puerto Rico? Coward.

History will have no mercy: the Government of Puerto Rico betrayed Dominicans, Haitians, Venezuelans, and so many other immigrants to please Donald Trump.

As a friend told me: they gave them three blows and threw them into the stew.

Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my constituents and the communities affected, I will offer my remarks in Spanish.

(Spanish translation of the statement made in English is as follows:)

Esta foto es de un plato dominicano conocido como el "tres golpes"—contiene huevo frito, salami frito y queso frito.

De más está decir que lastima el corazón. Pero no lastima el corazón tanto como los tres golpes de traición que la comunidad de inmigrantes de Puerto Rico ha recibido de manos de su gobierno.

El 19 de enero, la gobernadora de Puerto Rico dijo que los inmigrantes en la isla no debían preocuparse porque ICE no iba a hacer redadas fuera de la frontera con México.

El 26 de enero, ocurrió la primera redada. Detuvieron inmigrantes documentados, en violación a sus derechos.

Ese fue el primer golpe.

El 27 de enero, la gobernadora dijo que iba a cooperar con las políticas migratorias del presidente.

Ese fue el segundo golpe.

Y ayer, salió a relucir que el Departamento de Transportación y Obras Públicas, que desde el 2013 otorga licencias de conducir a las personas, sin cuestionar su estatus migratorio, estaba compartiendo la información de inmigrantes con las agencias de inmigración.

Ese fue el tercer golpe.

Voy a ser claro: Todos queremos que los inmigrantes estén con sus papeles al día. Todos queremos que quien viole la ley enfrente consecuencias.

Pero nadie puede defender que un Gobierno engaña a su comunidad más vulnerable. Nadie puede defender que el Gobierno les pida información personal para darles una licencia de conducir y que luego entregue la misma al gobierno federal para que los investiguen y los deporten.

Estamos hablando de seres humanos. Estamos hablando de niños que podrían perder a sus padres. Estamos hablando

de ancianos que podrían perder a sus hijos cuidadores.

El Gobierno de Puerto Rico dirá que, si no coopera, perdería fondos federales para carreteras.

Mentira. El gobierno federal—la constitución de los Estados Unidos—asigna el poder de la cartera al Congreso, y la rama ejecutiva no puede congelar fondos que el Congreso asignó para un propósito específico.

El Gobierno de Puerto Rico puede defender sus derechos de su gobierno propio y el de su comunidad inmigrante en los tribunales.

Veinte estados ya lo han hecho. Veinte. Demandaron al Gobierno federal por condicionar fondos federales a cambio de cooperación con inmigración. ¿Y el Gobierno de Puerto Rico? Cobarde.

En esa demanda, los 20 estados citan al menos ocho precedentes judiciales en favor de jurisdicciones que han resistido presiones similares del Gobierno federal. Ocho precedentes. ¿Y el Gobierno de Puerto Rico? Cobarde.

La historia no tendrá misericordia: el Gobierno de Puerto Rico traicionó a los dominicanos, a los haitianos, a los venezolanos y a tantos otros inmigrantes para complacer a Donald Trump.

Como me dijo un amigo: les dieron tres golpes y los tiraron a mondongo.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair asks the gentleman to submit a transcript to the desk in English for the RECORD.

NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL IN BEDFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA

(Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, June 6, marks the 81st anniversary of D-day, June 6, 1944.

In my district, Bedford County, Virginia, is designated as a World War II Heritage City by the National Park Service, the only such World War II Heritage City in Virginia.

Bedford County is home to the National D-day Memorial. This memorial commemorates the soldiers who courageously stormed Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944.

Bedford had the largest D-day loss per capita of any town in the United States, losing 20 men on Omaha Beach. Known to many as the Bedford Boys, they were amongst the first soldiers to land at Normandy as part of Operation Overlord. Their stories of heroism and sacrifice will be passed along from generation to generation.

One of the men who sought to memorialize their heroic actions was Staff Sergeant Bob Slaughter. A native of Roanoke, Virginia, Mr. Slaughter served in Company D, 116th Infantry Regiment. Soldiers from central, southside, and southwest Virginia served in the 116th.

Mr. Slaughter and the 116th were part of the first wave on the beaches.

Mr. Speaker, when you watch the opening scenes of the film "Saving Private Ryan," you will see the terror and chaos the men of the 116th saw.

Mr. Slaughter was one of more than 34,000 Americans who stormed the beach over the several days of the operation and faced heavy artillery from the Atlantic Wall and the Nazi war machine.

Mr. Slaughter, 19 years old at the time, lived through the horrors and mass casualties of D-day. His company faced heavy shelling as his landing craft reached the beach. The incoming fire from enemy weapons persisted as he stormed the beach and bravely trekked up the dangerous terrain.

Even though many from his unit were killed before leaving the beach, he was part of a small group who found a goat trail that was protected from Nazi fire. That group circled behind the enemy and took out enemy positions firing on the American soldiers below.

More than 10,000 Americans lost their lives on D-day, including many of the Bedford-based soldiers of Company A.

Mr. Slaughter received two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts for his service. Later in his life, however, he wanted to award and honor the countless lives who heroically fought on June 6, 1944. The memories of these soldiers had to be preserved, and that was his task.

Those memories drove Mr. Slaughter to undergo a journey to honor the lives of those young men who served our country on one of the most daunting days in American history.

Mr. Slaughter, along with others, including Lucille Hoback Boggess, who lost two brothers on D-day, pushed for Bedford to be the home of the National D-day Memorial. He founded the National D-day Memorial, served as its chairman for 7 years, and later wrote a memoir, "Omaha Beach and Beyond," to commemorate the sacrifices of our D-day soldiers.

U.S. President Bill Clinton signed legislation designating the National D-day Memorial in Bedford as the Nation's monument to D-day, and President George W. Bush dedicated the memorial in 2001.

Every year, the National D-day Memorial hosts an anniversary event to pay tribute to and recognize the sacrifices of America's valiant soldiers. That would be tomorrow, and Bedford is not that far away.

As a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates and the Congressman from Virginia's Ninth District, I continue to visit the memorial and pay tribute to America's Greatest Generation.

For last year's 80th anniversary event, nearly two dozen World War II veterans were present. Tomorrow's event is slated to welcome several.

Tomorrow's event will also feature a special panel that discusses the legacy of Mr. Slaughter, who, unfortunately, is no longer with us. He died in 2012, and he would have turned 100 this year.

Mr. Slaughter's son will participate on the panel.

The tremendous success of the memorial, the patriotism that it inspires, and the stories that continue to be shared can be attributed to Staff Sergeant Bob Slaughter, Company D, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division.

As a resident of the Roanoke Valley, I had the honor of getting to know Mr. Slaughter. Tomorrow is about honoring 19-year-old Bob Slaughter and all the men who went to fight for freedom. What mattered was their sacrifice, strength to fight, and willingness to put their lives on the line so others could be free. What mattered was Bob Slaughter's drive to memorialize the countless sacrifices of his brothers-in-arms.

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To all our world war veterans, to all of the families of those who served on D-day and to Mr. Slaughter, our Nation owes them a thank you. I thank all of them for their extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of American liberty.

RECOGNIZING DIANA ANAHI BARRIOS

(Mr. CORREA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Diana Barrios, a homegrown, passionate leader.

Diana graduated from Oxford Academy at the young age of 16 after finishing her sophomore year. She then earned a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology from UCLA with high honors and completed a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Diana's commitment to public service continues to be unwavering, and I was honored to name her as one of my 2025 Women of the Year.

HONORING DENISE OSORIO

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Coach Denise Osorio, a youth mentor, mother, and community leader who calls the city of Anaheim home.

Denise is the head coach of the Anaheim High School boys' and girls' water polo teams.

Denise took on the challenge to rebuild Anaheim High School's aquatic program after 20 years with no swimming pool and no swimming program. Under her leadership, the girls' water polo team captured the first-ever CIF division title in women's sports in the school's history.

Beyond that, Denise is a devoted mother of three, Nicholas, Rosemarie, and Emma. I am honored to name her one of my 2025 Women of the Year.

HONORING BEVERLY MCNEFF

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Beverly McNeff, the co-founder of KidSingers, an after-school youth chorus program for kids in Santa Ana.