

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 Bogges, 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.

Beverly is known as “Mrs. Cool”. Why? Because she teaches kids that it is cool to sing together in harmony.

Beverly is a former actress, broadcaster, and talent agent in Hollywood. She is married to KidSingers’ founder and director, Paul McNeff, and they live in Anaheim with their son, Jeffrey.

I was honored to name her as one of my 2025 Women of the Year. I know Beverly will keep up the good work.

HONORING ANA A. GONZALEZ

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor a mother and community leader who calls California’s 46th District her home.

She serves as district director to Senator Tom Umberg where she advocates for 1 million constituents, making sure that their voices are heard in Sacramento.

Ana received her bachelor’s degree in legal studies from Chapman University and is a graduate of HOPE. Ana is also the mother of Victoria and Cyrus.

I was honored to honor her by naming her as one of my 2025 Women of the Year.

HONORING ALICIA GARCIA

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alicia Garcia, a mother and community leader who embodies the American Dream.

Alicia was born in 1961 in Durango, Mexico, and made the brave decision to immigrate to the United States in search of the American Dream.

In the early 1990s, Alicia earned her certification as a certified nurse assistant.

Today, 30 years later, Alicia continues to serve her community at French Park Care Center, where her impact is felt by her patients, her colleagues, and the families she touches and supports on an everyday basis. I was honored to name her as one of my 2025 Women of the Year.

RECOGNIZING TEXAS TECH GIRLS’ SOFTBALL TEAM

(Mr. ARRINGTON of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of remarkable young women from the plains of West Texas who are making history on the national stage, our Texas Tech Lady Raiders’ softball team.

These athletes have battled all season long, with an impressive drive, determination, and an unmistakable West Texas will to win that has taken them from the first Big 12 Championship in program history and a chance this week to win the College World Series.

Coach Glasco and his Lady Raiders represent the best of West Texas values, hardworking, humble, and pure class on and off the field.

All of West Texas and all of Red Raider Nation are cheering on the Lady Raiders, our fearless champions, as they fight for the scarlet and the black.

The Lady Raiders need to go out there tonight, all gas and no brakes, and beat those Texas Longhorns and then turn around and beat them again and bring that championship trophy home to Lubbock, Texas, where it belongs.

Guns up and go West Texas.

HONORING CHARLES B. RANGEL

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the “Lion of Lenox Avenue”, Congressman Charles B. Rangel. He was a friend, a mentor, and a champion for Harlem, New York City, and our Nation.

Now, as most of us know, Charles B. Rangel was a titan, and my predecessor, who forged countless programs, trade agreements, and new initiatives during his 46 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. He became the urban voice, the voice of urban America. When America needed a compass, needed a direction for its urban cities, it was Charles B. Rangel that spoke truth to power and led the Nation forward.

He was born in Harlem in the summer of 1930, right on the heels of the Great Depression, which cloaked the country in a blanket of poverty that spared no community.

After dropping out of high school, Charles B. Rangel joined the U.S. Army’s 503rd Field Artillery Battalion within the 2nd Infantry Division where he earned a Bronze Star with Valor and a Purple Heart after successfully leading his men through a mountain pass under attack by the Chinese army.

After his return to the country, Rangel received his bachelor’s degree from NYU and his law degree from St. John’s University. He was appointed Assistant U.S. District Attorney in the Southern District of New York by no other than the U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1970, he ascended to the House of Representatives where he and 12 other trailblazers formally founded the Congressional Black Caucus which slowly became the conscience of this House of Representatives, the conscience, of course, of Congress.

He ultimately climbed to become the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, where he worked on legislation that would uplift working-class and middle-class families. This included the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and Empowerment Zones.

His international impact was monumental. He forged trade agreements in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. He helped bring independence and economic prosperity across the globe.

Informed by his military service, he became a lifelong champion for veterans, particularly those who faced discrimination upon their return to our Nation.

Charles B. Rangel was a giant of a man. He was a legendary leader, not

just for Harlem but for the rest of urban America. He held no grudge. He was a true gentleman, and one that chose to help everybody in the community.

This week, our city will stop, our Nation will stop in silence to honor the life and legacy of the Lion of Lenox Avenue, Congressman Charles B. Rangel. May he rest in peace. May he rest in power.

HONORING JOHN THRASHER

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

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor a true statesman, a patriot, and a proud son of the State of Florida, Speaker John Thrasher.

Speaker Thrasher’s story is a kind that people don’t see anymore. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam, a lawyer, a leader, and someone who never forgot where he came from. He rose from humble beginnings to become one of the most influential public servants the State of Florida has ever known.

As speaker of the Florida House, he got our State through challenging times with courage and principle. As a State senator, he fought for Florida’s families, stood up for what was right, even when it wasn’t easy. As president of Florida State University, he poured his heart into shaping the lives of young people, lifting up the next generation with the same integrity and drive that defined his own life.

To those who knew Speaker Thrasher, it was more than a resume. When he walked into a room, he had room presence. He was respected. He was loyal, tough as nails when he had to be, but always with a servant’s heart.

I was proud to call him a friend, a mentor. I admired the way he led with grace under pressure and with an unshakeable love for Florida and our country.

This Congress and the State of Florida mourns with his wife, Jean; their children; their grandchildren; and we thank them for sharing their John with us.

He made our State stronger, and Florida will carry forward the values that he lived by.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAR AND SAR

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our Nation’s 250th anniversary of two distinguished societies that are crucial to our many activities in Florida which celebrate our founding.

The national, State, and local members of both the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution are direct blood descendants of patriots who fought and aided our American Revolution or held political or civil positions in our very first government.

Back at home in the district, the Emerald Coast Chapter of the Sons of the