

home, as community members pay their respects to these three young ladies.

We support law enforcement who have committed to employing any resource necessary to bring those responsible to justice for this tragedy.

Ms. SCHRIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3464.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentleman from Maine (Mr. GOLDEN) as cosponsor of H.R. 3464.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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#### CELEBRATING BRADFORD AREA HIGH SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL

(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 honor the 100th anniversary of Bradford Area High School in Bradford, Pennsylvania, a century of shaping minds, building character, and strengthening community.

Since its founding, BAHS has educated generations of families—grandparents, parents, and now children walking in the same halls, learning from the same dedicated teachers who often return to serve their own alma mater.

It is not just a school. It is a legacy. Recently, the community came together to celebrate this proud history. Alumni joined current students in the auditorium to perform the school's fight song, bridging the past and present in harmony.

Displays throughout the school showcased 100 years of photos, uniforms, and memories, alongside a 1926 time capsule containing a Bible, a local newspaper, and a silver peace dollar.

Mr. Speaker, Bradford Area High School is more than just a structure. It is a pillar of the community, and it will continue to shape future generations for the next 100 years.

#### RECOGNIZING SANTA CRUZ PRIDE PARADE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Santa Cruz Pride Parade, one of the oldest Pride events in the Nation and the first of any small American city.

Since 1975, Santa Cruz Pride embodies the spirit of resistance and per-

sistence. Even though it was California, back then, it was just a small gathering of a few brave and determined people standing in solidarity.

Today, as we saw this past weekend, Santa Cruz Pride is a multiday, community-wide event that brings together thousands for a celebration of Pride.

As we celebrate, we also appreciate and commemorate that we stand on the shoulders of those who got us here. It is with that realization that we are reinvigorated in our push for equal rights.

We in Santa Cruz and throughout the 19th Congressional District of California understand that Pride is more than just flags and parades. It is also about creating policies, putting in place protections, and the persistence of a community to achieve equality.

Yes, we are proud of the past 50 years of Santa Cruz Pride, but we are also determined now more than ever to continue our march forward.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN THRASHER

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

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of my friend, John Thrasher, who passed away on May 30, 2025. John was a decorated veteran, a devoted family man, and a great public servant.

Few have given more to Florida. From the Clay County School Board to speaker of the Florida House to serving in the Florida Senate, and as president of Florida State University, he was a leader, and he was known for it.

After Republicans gained control of the Florida House after 122 years of nothing, we ushered in a new era of commonsense, principled leadership. That legacy lives on today through the lives he touched, the institutions he strengthened, and the honors he earned.

John Thrasher's life is a testament to spirit, principle, service, and patriotism. He will be missed.

#### SHERIFFS' VISIT TO ROCKY MOUNT

(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 exceptional sheriffs of North Carolina's First Congressional District.

It was a privilege to engage with such dedicated leaders as we addressed the pressing issues facing eastern North Carolina.

Our discussions on automatic license plate recognition cameras and innovative strategies for recruitment and retention in rural communities were both insightful and inspiring.

We are confronted with significant challenges, including the threat of illegal drugs, outdated detention centers, and issues facing juveniles.

The sheriffs underscored the importance of regional collaboration, emphasizing how sharing resources, intelligence, and support across county lines can enhance community safety.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Sheriff Curtis Brame of Vance County, Sheriff Robert Fountain, Jr., of Granville County, Sheriff John Branche of Warren County, and Sheriff Cleveland Atkinson, Jr., of Edgecombe County for their participation in our inaugural district meeting.

I also acknowledge the invaluable leadership and partnership of all our sheriffs.

#### CELEBRATING OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER, WESTERN CON- FERENCE CHAMPIONS

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

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Western Conference champions, the Oklahoma City Thunder.

The season has been nothing short of meteoric, making this Thunder team the youngest in NBA history to reach the finals. They are led by their coach, Mark Daigneault, and all-star players like this year's most valuable player, Shaivonte Aician Gilgeous-Alexander, and Chet Holmgren and Jalen Williams.

The Thunder's historic season, the best in franchise history, also featured 54 games being won by double digits, the most in NBA history.

The ownership team and General Manager Sam Presti have done a remarkable job of putting together a group of superstars who are focused on winning together as a team.

In the words of Kobe Bryant, the job is not finished. Let's bring the Larry O'Brien Trophy to Oklahoma City. I know I speak for the entire State of Oklahoma when I say: Thunder up.

#### OBSERVING GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

(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, gun violence is a scourge that has plagued the United States for far too long. We have witnessed tragedy after tragedy, and the only thing that ever seems to happen is that gun restrictions are loosened even further.

Six years ago, in my home State of Ohio, there was a mass shooting at a bar in Dayton. Nearly 30 people were injured, and 10 were killed by a man with a gun that he was able to legally modify through loopholes in our gun laws.

Hundreds of people attended a vigil for the victims of this deadly attack and demanded we do something. In response, the Governor of Ohio signed permitless carry legislation, allowing individuals to carry concealed firearms without a permit.

Last year, 25-year-old Megan Keleman, a young woman in my district, was shot and killed in a Taco Bell drive-through. She was picking up dinner for her family.

Why did Megan Keleman have to die that day? The system failed her. The killer should have never had a gun.

Again, why did Megan Keleman have to die that day? She didn't.

Maybe if there were less cowardly people in office, Megan would be alive, living out her path to serve and help other people. Her family is working to make sure that there is change and to secure her legacy.

We have a duty as public servants to keep our communities safe, but the inaction on gun violence is killing innocent Americans. We can and must pass commonsense gun safety legislation to bolster background checks and ban dangerous assault weapons.

The people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District sent me here to do something about gun violence in our communities, and that is exactly what I intend to do.

This is Gun Violence Awareness Month. This month, and every other day, I mourn the lives of the countless people who have lost their lives to senseless gun violence and those whom they have left behind.

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#### CHILD TAX CREDIT

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

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, over the last 4 years, every American has felt the pain of inflation, and this financial strain has hit working families particularly hard. Large price increases set back millions of parents, forcing them to dig into their savings and even go into debt sometimes just to pay their bills.

That is why, as a part of budget reconciliation, Congress passed legislative language to permanently increase the child tax credit, index it to inflation, and add a \$500 increase, bringing the total tax credit to \$2,500. Changes to the tax code, including expanding the child tax credit, will help save the average family more than \$1,300 a year. It is time to deliver real tax relief for working families that they so desperately need.

I call on my colleagues in the Senate to protect these provisions and make sure that working families are being helped and, after 4 years of rising costs, finally deliver parents the relief that they deserve.

#### ST. LOUIS JOB CORPS CENTER

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, if anyone stood outside the St. Louis Job Corps Center last week, they saw what happens when cruelty becomes policy. They saw students being escorted off campus, bags in hand, dreams on hold; grandparents crying because their grandkids had finally found something that gave them a shot, and now it is gone. In St. Louis, that was over 200 students who were impacted.

Job Corps is exactly the kind of program everyone should all agree on. It gives young people the tools to succeed, real skills, real credentials, real jobs. It reduces crime, increases employment, and pays off for taxpayers in the long run.

This wasn't a budget choice. This was a values choice. It tells our young people their future doesn't matter, not if they are working class, not if they are Black or Brown, not if they come from a ZIP Code that doesn't matter.

I rise today because Job Corps works. It changes lives, and there is no defense, none at all, for ripping that away from students.

#### RECOGNIZING JOHN THRASHER

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

Mr. DUNN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly outstanding man, a man who served all of the people in Florida honorably, with wisdom, and admirable class.

My dear friend, John Thrasher, passed away on May 30 at the age of 81.

John Thrasher was a highly decorated soldier, Speaker of the Florida House, a Florida senator, president of Florida State University, father of the Florida State University Medical School, and one of the most gifted men I ever worked with.

Most importantly, he was an honorable man who made it his life's mission to serve others.

It was he who introduced me to the importance of advocacy in Washington and in Tallahassee.

He exemplified great leadership and great service to all around him. He was loved and respected throughout Florida, and everyone will miss his wisdom and his company.

It was an honor to know John. As people mourn his loss, please keep his wife, Jean, and their family in your prayers.

May John rest in peace.

#### FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR WORKING FAMILIES AT RISK

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the Republicans' budget scheme pushed through in the middle of the night last month is putting school meals for hungry kids and food assistance for working families at risk.

A constituent of mine, Martha, from Somersworth is raising her 15-year-old grandson and battling breast cancer while living on a fixed income. Without SNAP, she wouldn't be able to keep food on the table.

Another constituent, Catherine, is a veteran from Manchester who has type 2 diabetes. She wouldn't be able to afford the diet she needs to keep herself healthy without SNAP and fears losing her benefits could put her life at risk if she is unable to manage her blood sugar.

People across my district, from Newmarket to Gilford, tell me they wouldn't be able to afford groceries without some help.

It is a betrayal of working families for Republicans to take away food so they can give tax breaks to billionaires.

My colleagues must continue speaking out against these cuts and do everything they can to stop a reckless, cruel budget from moving forward.

#### CELEBRATING GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL KNOWLEDGE BOWL

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

Mr. HURD of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the victory of the Grand Junction High School Knowledge Bowl team in the 2025 Colorado State championship.

This marks the school's 26th State title and its second consecutive win of the Governor's Cup.

Competing against 60 teams from across Colorado, the team earned top honors in both the 4A classification and the overall Governor's Cup. This accomplishment confirms Grand Junction High School's standing as the leading academic team in the State of Colorado.

As a former member of this team, I can speak to the dedication, teamwork, and intellectual discipline required to succeed in this competition.

The Knowledge Bowl challenges students in a broad range of subjects, including mathematics, science, literature, and history. It demands academic skill, focus, collaboration, and resilience.

The team members and their coaches have achieved something exceptional. Their success reflects the strength of their preparation and sets a powerful example of academic excellence for communities across Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the GJHS Tigers.

#### INCREASED SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

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