

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow marks the 81st anniversary of D-day, a unique mission that took months of planning and turned the tide of World War II.

America's military, working with Canada and our European Allies, made the difference that day by beginning the liberation of France.

Now, 81 years later, another European country is fighting off an invasion by an aggressor. The Ukrainians have fought valiantly, with thousands giving their lives to protect freedom and democracy.

They have proven to be strong fighters, creative in the art of war. The assault over the weekend on Russia's bombing fleet is a modern marvel. They are capable of defeating Russian aggression and remaining a free nation only if they have sufficient support from their allies.

It is all the more concerning that today President Trump said it may be better to let Ukraine and Russia fight for a while before pulling them apart like children in a schoolyard. Ukraine and its people don't have that time. This war must end.

With D-day on our mind, Congress must commit more assistance to Ukraine and defend democracy before it is too late.

MEALS ON WHEELS 65TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th anniversary of the Meals on Wheels program led by Senior Citizens, Inc. in Savannah, Georgia.

For 65 years, this program has provided thousands of nutritious meals and vital daily contact with elderly, homebound adults.

This year, to celebrate the milestone, Senior Citizens, Inc. partnered with local chefs, including James Beard Award winner Chef Bailey. Chef Bailey assisted in crafting special gourmet meals as a tribute to the people they serve.

Meals on Wheels delivers care, compassion, and peace of mind to families in Savannah and beyond. The partnership reflects the power of community engagement and shows what is possible when local organizations and volunteers work together to lift others.

I thank Senior Citizens, Inc., Meals on Wheels, and Chef Bailey for their initiative and congratulate them on the anniversary of this most important service.

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RECOGNIZING VALLUVAN TAMIL ACADEMY'S 15TH ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, since its founding, the Valluvan Tamil Academy, or VTA, has played a vital role in teaching the Tamil language to children in Virginia. Tamil, one of the world's oldest languages, is spoken by over 80 million people globally, including 360,000 Americans.

This past weekend marked a major milestone: the VTA's 15th Annual Day Celebration.

I was honored to join students, families, and community leaders to celebrate and recognize the work that has been done to educate the next generation on Tamil history.

I congratulate the Valluvan Tamil Academy, and I thank them for all that they do for our community in Virginia. I am looking forward to working together for many years to come.

HONORING SERGEANT STEPHAN WIGGINS

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Stephan Wiggins, a Vero Beach native and Vietnam war hero who was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his past service this past Memorial Day, 57 years after making the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation.

In 1967, Sergeant Wiggins was drafted into the United States Army and quickly rose to the rank of sergeant and tank commander.

Sergeant Wiggins was leading a combat patrol during the Tet Offensive when his unit encountered an obstacle. Acting quickly, he directed his track through a nearby gap, exposing a hidden enemy ambush and drawing heavy fire.

The 4-hour firefight claimed 10 American lives, including Wiggins', whose bravery saved many others.

I am proud to have been part of a recent ceremony honoring his legacy and his bravery to the American public.

HONORING THERESE NAUMANN

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to place in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the virtuous life of a truly beloved woman and patriotic citizen of Toledo, Ohio, Mrs. Therese Naumann. What an exemplary life she embodied.

Therese was a treasured family friend, and her son, Jimmy, who pre-

ceded her in death, was a baseball buddy and classmate of my dear brother, Steve.

She enjoyed numerous friends and held tight to memories of those precious days of youth when her husband, Bill, was the team coach of the Little Flower baseball team. Jimmy hit the line drives, as my pitcher brother, Steve, sported the No. 9.

What a legacy Therese built as a dedicated wife, mother, sister, working woman for General Mills, a joyous grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. At 94, having survived the death of her beloved husband, for whom she cared religiously, she remained beautiful, gracious, kind, intelligent, involved, and devout.

A woman whose smile lit up the room, she drew people to her with her welcoming manner. She and her marine veteran husband, William, were married for 67 years until his passing. They nurtured youth in their church, Little Flower Roman Catholic Church, in Toledo, Ohio.

Always generous, she requested in lieu of flowers that memorial donations be made to the James E. Naumann Athletic Fund at Little Flower Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Therese's presence will never be forgotten for the thousands of good deeds she did as a matter of daily life. Our Nation needs more lives modeled on that of Therese Naumann—kind, constructive, joyous, and persevering.

May the angels carry her to a place of comfort and joy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD the obituary of Mrs. Naumann.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

THERESE NAUMANN OBITUARY

Therese Naumann passed away unexpectedly on May 25, 2025, at the age of 94. She was born in 1931, in Toledo, the second daughter of Martin and Irene (O'Keefe) Carroll. Therese was very proud of her Irish heritage and the Irish prayer could always be found on display in her home. Therese married William "Bill" Naumann and the two enjoyed 67 years together prior to his passing in 2018. Therese enjoyed raising her three children and then returned to the workforce in 1969. She was lovingly referred to as "Betty Crocker" by family and friends during her 24 year career in quality control at General Mills.

Therese was a faithful member of Little Flower church for 70 years. She volunteered at both the church and school in her younger years, even serving as the gym teacher. Therese enjoyed vacationing with her family and traveling throughout the country. In retirement, road trips, family reunions, weddings, parties and weekends at Deep Lake. She was not the trip planner but was the first to have her bags packed when the call came to go!

Therese was the "Hostess with the Mostest" decorating for every holiday and welcoming all to her home. Therese enjoyed dancing at every celebration, cheering on the Notre Dame "fighting Irish" and when at home was an avid reader, making good use of her library card. She enjoyed gardening and