

Anti-Semitism is taking an unpredictable variety of forms and has deepened anxieties among many American Jews, and it has contributed to a sense that simply existing in public as a Jewish person is increasingly dangerous.

The number of anti-Semitic episodes in the United States in 2023, in the wake of the Hamas attack on Israel, was the highest ever recorded in a 1-year period, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

Dangerous words turn into dangerous actions, and Jewish communities simply do not feel safe or supported.

Two things can be true at the same time. The suffering in Gaza is absolutely horrific. The stories of the children in Gaza are the stories I grew up hearing because this is the history of my family, which is why I cannot be silent in the face of children and families being starved.

My family fled to this country in what here is known as the Potato Famine, but in Ireland is known as "An Gorta Mor," which is "The Great Hunger." There was plenty of food. It was a policy choice to starve the Irish.

This is what is happening in Gaza. Keeping food and medicine from women and children and elders is just wrong. Not for nothing, nobody starts a revolution on a full stomach.

Tens of thousands of civilians, mothers, children, and grandparents, have been killed or displaced. Entire neighborhoods have been reduced to rubble. Hospitals, schools, and places of worship lie in ruin.

The American people are watching in horror.

Let me be absolutely clear. Hamas' brutal October 7 attack was an atrocity. I condemn it fully and unequivocally. No cause justifies the murder of innocent people or the taking of hostages.

Israel has the right to defend itself, but what we are seeing now is not defense. It is devastation. Tens of thousands of Palestinians are dead, the majority of which are women and children.

This is not security. It is not peace. It is collective punishment, and it violates international law.

At the same time, I will say just as clearly, there is no place for anti-Semitism anywhere, ever, not in our communities, not in our political discourse, not in our movement for peace. We can and must condemn the horrors of war without feeding hatred. We can mourn Palestinian lives without denying the trauma of the Jewish people. Holding the Jewish community responsible for the actions of the Israeli government is anti-Semitic.

However, it is not anti-Semitic to speak out against what is happening in Gaza, and the U.S. is complicit in keeping food, water, and medicine from a starving and traumatized people.

The United States has a moral obligation to stand up for human rights, for international law, and for peace. That means we must press for an im-

mediate and lasting ceasefire. We must demand the release of all hostages.

This isn't about choosing sides. It is about choosing a future where Israelis and Palestinians can live in safety, dignity, and peace.

I have heard from thousands of my constituents: Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and secular, who are begging for us to lead with compassion and courage. This is a moral crossroads for our Nation, and history will remember whether we met the moment or shrank from it.

Mr. Speaker, let's work to end this war, bring the hostages home, end Hamas' reign of terror, and build a future where no parent, Israeli or Palestinian, has to bury a child because we failed to act.

RECOGNIZING DAVENPORT ASSUMPTION GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary achievement of the Davenport Assumption girls' soccer team, who have once again made Iowa history.

With a 2-0 victory over the number one ranked Denver Cyclones, the Knights captured their record-setting 12th Iowa State Championship. This win marks their first title since 2021 and is a testament to the perseverance, heart, and teamwork that defines Iowa athletes.

Led by senior Dru Dorsey and freshman Ruby Stevens, the Knights showed skill, leadership, and grit on the field. Dorsey scored one goal and assisted on the other, setting the tone and sealing the win. From defense to offense, the entire squad played with unity and determination.

This moment is more than a victory. It is a legacy, and it speaks to what young women in sports can accomplish when they believe in each other, never give up, and have a level playing field.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Elizabeth Maus, the players, and the entire Davenport Assumption community. They have made their sport, their school, and their State proud.

RECOGNIZING CARLA EYSINK

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor an exceptional Iowan, Carla Eysink, who retired after 29 years of service as the executive director of the Marion County Development Commission.

Carla was the very first to hold this role. For nearly three decades, she worked tirelessly to strengthen economic growth, support local businesses, and champion the people of Marion County. From launching the Business Retention and Expansion Program to the Best of Red Rock Awards and the Red Rock StartUP! pitch contest, Carla's leadership left a lasting mark.

What stands out most is her deep love for the people she worked with,

the partners across Iowa, and the local citizens who showed up, rolled up their sleeves, and believed in the future of their community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Marion County, Iowa, and the U.S. House of Representatives, I thank Carla for her extraordinary service. Her legacy will continue to shape Marion County for years to come.

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ANTI-SEMITISM HAS NO PLACE IN AMERICA

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with urgency and determination to address the alarming rise in anti-Semitic violence that is sweeping across our Nation.

In recent weeks, two young Israeli Embassy staffers, Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim, were shot and killed outside the Capital Jewish Museum here in Washington, D.C., by a radical Hamas supporter shouting: "Free Palestine." These two young people were soon to be engaged. Their future was stolen in an instant.

In Colorado, a man attacked a peaceful march supporting Israeli hostages with a makeshift flamethrower, injuring eight innocent people, some who are in critical condition.

Across our college campuses, anti-Semitic incidents have surged by over 80 percent, with students facing threats, vandalism, and violence simply because of their identity or their support for Israel.

Enough is enough. That is why I am introducing the commission to study acts of anti-Semitism in the United States Act, a bipartisan effort to investigate these hateful acts, uncover their root causes, and deliver concrete recommendations to Congress, local communities, and the President on how we can prevent further violence.

This is not a partisan issue. It is, however, a moral imperative. No American should live in fear for their faith or their safety.

We must stand united in saying that anti-Semitism has no place on our campuses, no place in our streets, and no place in the future of this country. I am committed to ensuring that we act, not just speak, because the time to confront rising hate is now.

CELEBRATING U.S. ARMY'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States Army.

As a 24-year Army veteran who is married to a 30-year Army veteran, this moment hits close to home. For 2½ centuries, the Army has answered the call—not for glory but for country.

It is not just the history books or the battlefields that define the Army. It is the people. It is the young men and women from small towns and big cities who raise their hands, lace up their boots, and swear an oath to protect this Nation and its values.

I have seen what that sacrifice looks like. I have worn the uniform. I have served beside heroes, and I know what it means to be part of something bigger than yourself.

The Army isn't just celebrating a birthday. It is marking 250 years of grit, honor, service, and rolling along. Here is to those who came before us, those serving now, and those yet to wear the uniform.

Happy birthday to the United States Army.

Army Strong, always.

CELEBRATING RICHARD MILLER ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy birthday to a very special person, the eldest of eight children, my brother, Richard Miller.

Richard Miller served in the Army, served in the coal mines in Pennsylvania, joined the Secret Service, and guarded four Presidents during their Presidency and Ronald Reagan post-Presidency.

After retiring from the Secret Service, he then joined the Los Angeles Police Academy, completing rigorous police academy work and then serving in local law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Richard a very happy birthday. I am so proud that he is my brother.

CONGRATULATING CALIFORNIA'S 29TH DISTRICT'S CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNERS

(Ms. RIVAS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce California's 29th District's winners of this year's Congressional Art Competition.

In third place, from Ulysses S. Grant High School in Valley Glen, we have Daniel Graciano's "Whispers of the Woods." Daniel's piece shows a lonely cabin sitting quietly by the water's edge, embraced by towering pines and deep shadows. This ink drawing captures a sense of isolation of nature, where time stands still and every tree tells a story. It is a perfect escape drawn in silence. This piece will be hanging in my district office in Arleta.

In second place, from Van Nuys High School, we have Gayane Charyan's "Forlorn Art Piece." In this piece, we see a girl sitting alone on a swing. The shadow of herself is her only company. This is an important piece that lets people know that loneliness and mental health affects all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I also take this time to share the 988 lifeline that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Help is available for everyone who needs it.

This piece will be hanging in my Washington, D.C., office.

Mr. Speaker, in first place, from PUC Lakeview Charter High School in Sylmar, we have Nevaeh Cortez' piece, "Heavy Minded." This piece shows how your inner thoughts can sometimes feel heavy. However, this piece also shows how to appreciate the beauty in the things that you find joy in. This piece will proudly be on display in the Cannon tunnel for the next year.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of all the students who submitted their pieces for this year's art competition. This year's submissions told personal stories about what it means to be a high schooler in 2025. I thank all the students who submitted a piece, and I look forward to seeing where these students' talents carry them in their future endeavors.

TAKING AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR RURAL AMERICA

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and its impact on rural communities.

The House took an important step for rural America by passing the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. For communities across eastern Washington, the relief cannot come soon enough.

For years, rural communities with large amounts of Federal land faced a structural disadvantage. They can't collect property taxes on those lands, yet they are still expected to keep schools open, maintain roads, and provide public safety. The Forest Service manages millions of acres in our region, but it is our local government that is left holding the bag.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act helps fix that broken system. It restores stable, reliable funding to rural counties that host Federal forests by reauthorizing the Secure Rural Schools program through fiscal year 2026.

That means that our county commissioners and local leaders can plan with confidence, knowing that the Federal Government will keep its promise to pay predictable-share forest revenues to the school districts that I represent.

I have heard directly from our county leaders in Asotin, Ferry, Pend Oreille, Stevens, and Walla Walla Counties. The uncertainty is real. Some are facing a 40 percent cut. This puts rural services and teaching jobs at risk.

Fortunately, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act delivers the kind of support that they need and deserve.

Now, it is time for the Senate to act. Let's get it to the President's desk and deliver for rural America. Our communities have waited long enough.

CELEBRATING U.S. ARMY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say happy birthday to the U.S. Army.

On June 14, we will celebrate a remarkable milestone: the 250th birthday of the United States Army. For 2½ centuries, the Army has stood as a pillar of strength, sacrifice, and service. From the earliest days of our Nation's founding to today's complex challenges, Army soldiers have defended our freedoms, upheld our values, and protected the American people with unwavering courage.

This historic anniversary reminds us of the countless sacrifices made by

generations of men and women in uniform, those who have answered the call to serve, often at great personal cost.

On this special occasion, we honor their legacy of dedication and resilience that continues to inspire all of us. To the brave soldiers, past and present, I thank them for their service.

Happy 250th birthday, U.S. Army.

CONGRATULATING DR. ANJAN BOSE

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, as a proud alumnus of Washington State University, I rise today to celebrate a tremendous achievement that brings national recognition to our State and to one of our leading institutions of higher learning.

Please join me in congratulating Regents Professor Anjan Bose of WSU for receiving the prestigious IEEE Power and Energy Society's Lifetime Achievement Award.

This is one of the highest honors in the field and a testament to Dr. Bose's groundbreaking work in power grid automation, control, and education. His research not only shaped the future of global energy systems but has also inspired and educated generations of engineers in eastern Washington and beyond.

We are fortunate to have such world-class expertise in our region, and this award is a proud moment for WSU and our entire State.

I congratulate Dr. Bose. As always, Go Cougs.

CALLING ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO RESTORE FOOD AID

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 19th time to call on the Trump administration to restore funding for lifesaving food aid for malnourished children.

I am a father. I have a 3-year-old and 1-year-old at home, Max and Lucy. Like any parent, I want the very best for my kids. I am so lucky that I do not have to worry about whether they will be fed today or tomorrow. Yet, around the world, malnutrition and starvation is the number one cause of death for children.

When a child suffers from malnutrition, it stunts their growth. Their organs shut down. For toddlers, like my 3-year-old, they can have their body weight reduced to be as low as an infant's.

When they suffer from extreme malnutrition, they can't be fed traditional food anymore. In order to save their lives and to cure their malnutrition, they need this: Plumpy'Nut. It is a packet of fortified paste. They take one of these per day. After a month, they are back up to normal body weight and healthy once again.

Edesia Nutrition in North Kingstown is one of two places in the country that produces Plumpy'Nut. All the ingredients, the peanuts, soybeans, sugar, and dairy, come from American farms and