

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

factories. It is manufactured here in the United States and, until recently, was shipped around the world, reaching 400,000 children a month.

Think about that, Mr. Speaker. That is 400,000 children a month whose lives were being saved—that is, until Elon Musk and the Trump administration cut off funding for this program.

There is nothing woke about this. This is not waste. This is not fraud. This is nutrition for starving kids, and it needs to be restored.

These production lines have been shut down. There are boxes and boxes of this stuff sitting in a warehouse in Rhode Island instead of getting to the kids who need it.

What is the impact of this halt in funding? Not only does it mean that there are more kids starving around the world by the thousands, but it also means that our adversaries, particularly China, have a golden opportunity to swoop in to the rescue and build good will with nations all around the world.

Mr. Speaker, foreign aid is not just charity. It serves our interests as a country, as well, when we build good will with nations that have rare earth minerals and can assist us in intelligence gathering against terrorist organizations and our other adversaries. This is part of how we build strong relationships around the world to make Americans safer. When we cut off this aid, which is a tiny, tiny fraction of the Federal budget, then it only helps our adversaries.

The entire funding for this program was about \$80 million a year. The Cannon House Office Building across the street is being renovated at a cost of \$800 million. We are spending 10 times as much to renovate our office building as we were spending a year to save the lives of thousands and thousands of children suffering from malnutrition. What kind of priorities are those?

Here is the thing: The good news is that Trump administration officials, including Secretary Rubio, have said over and over that they are going to restore funding for this program. They admit that this is not waste or fraud but that this is part of the core mission of what USAID was supposed to be.

That is great. Why haven't they sent the money? What is the holdup? It has been 5 months now, and they have said over and over that they intend to restore funding for emergency food aid. They just haven't done it yet. Why not? Every day that goes by is a day that children are unnecessarily going hungry.

Once again, I am going to rise in this Chamber every day until the administration keeps their word and restores funding for emergency food aid for children around the world.

HONORING SARAH MILGRIM

(Mr. ALFORD of Missouri was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Ms. Sarah Milgrim and to strongly condemn the horrific and heinous anti-Semitic acts of violence like this one around America.

Sarah was just 26 years old. She was a daughter, sister, friend, and peace-maker. She was born in the Kansas City area, close to Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, and attended American University here in D.C.

Sarah committed her life to building bridges across cultures, faiths, and borders. She worked in Morocco to bring communities together in pursuit of understanding, and she believed deeply in the power of people to choose compassion over hate. Just last month, Sarah was targeted and murdered because of her Jewish faith.

This was not just an attack on one person but a brutal and violent attack on our shared humanity. It was an act of anti-Semitic violence.

This horrific hate cannot have a home here in the United States of America.

I had the opportunity to visit Sarah's father, mother, and brother at the shiva at their home recently, and I assured them that this body is united in ending anti-Semitic hate in America. It cannot continue.

May we honor her memory not only with our words but with action by standing against anti-Semitism in all of its forms, by protecting our vulnerable communities, and by embracing the values that Sarah embodied each and every day.

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JUNE VETERAN OF THE MONTH COLONEL KEITH J. BUTLER

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our June Veteran of the Month, a new veteran, Colonel Keith J. Butler.

Colonel Butler enlisted in the Air Force in 1991 and was selected for an Air Force ROTC scholarship in 1997. He earned his commission through the University of South Carolina and served in operational, staff, and command assignments as an F-16, F-117, and B-2 pilot.

Colonel Butler has held positions at the squadron, group, wing, major command, direct reporting unit, and joint staff levels. He is currently the commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, home of the B-2 Stealth bomber, since June 2023, and he is retiring in just a few weeks.

He has flown combat missions and held several other positions all over the world. He is decorated with many awards and is respected by many. I am proud to call Colonel Butler a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for his bravery, service, and dedication to America. Congratulations on a well-earned retirement, Colonel Butler.

JUNE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH IN FULL BLOOM

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our June Small Business of the Month, In Full Bloom.

In Full Bloom is a flower shop just off the square in Centralia, Missouri, in my district. This shop is the result of a leap of faith. Owner Gretchen Spires' vision came to life when she started the shop where creative design meets small business.

She has grown this phenomenal floral shop over 16 years. She shared her story of prayer and faith with our team. This journey of becoming a small business owner is the American Dream, and we are proud of her success. We love stopping by to see a full display of prom corsages, flower arrangements, and beautiful gifts for loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I thank and congratulate her for all she does for the Centralia community.

THE ONE BIG, BEAUTIFUL DEAL

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the big, beautiful bill. We have done our part here in the U.S. House. It is time for the good folks across the hallway there in the U.S. Senate to do theirs.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act has a big impact on rural America and the Fourth Congressional District of the great State of Missouri.

Let's talk about the tax provisions. It makes permanent enhanced debt tax relief. It makes permanent small business deductions. It extends 100 percent immediate expensing. It makes permanent double small business expensing. It provides immediate expensing for new manufacturing and production structures in America, and it will renew the opportunity zones to better target rural America.

This is a win for America. In fact, just today, The White House Office of Management and Budget estimates it will reduce our Federal deficit by \$1.4 trillion. The one big, beautiful deal is a win for the American people.

SOUNDING THE ALARM ON A CRISIS THREATENING AMERICA'S FUTURE

(Ms. JOHNSON of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound an alarm on a crisis threatening America's future. I am talking about the Trump brain drain.

Donald Trump and Republicans in this House are launching a full scale assault on our Nation's ability to think, learn, and to innovate.

Let's look at the facts. Trump's budget cuts funding for the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, STEM education, and even basic K-12 public schools. He has tried to crush public service loan forgiveness and gut Head Start, all while trying to give tax breaks to those who don't need them.

This isn't cost savings. It is self-sabotage.

In Dallas, we are home to UT Southwestern Medical Center, one of the top research institutions in this country. We have innovators, world-class hospitals, biotech startups, and students