

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

ready to change the world. They can't do that when Federal research funding is drying up and educational support is being pulled out from under them.

Dallas ISD alone has over 150,000 students, many from middle-class families. Cuts to programs like Head Start, Title I, and after-school STEM enrichment don't just hurt, they derail students' futures.

Texas colleges and universities share one of the largest enrollments compared to almost any other State. Yet, under Trump's budget, millions of them would lose access to workstudy jobs and to affordable student loans. That is not just an educational crisis, it is an economic time bomb attacking our workforce development.

This country has long been a magnet for global talent. Engineers, scientists, and doctors come here to help build our future, but Trump's anti-immigrant crusade is scaring them off. Whether it is blocking student visas, slashing green cards, or denying people their due process, he is slamming the door on the very people who fuel our economy.

Dr. Kseniia Petrova, a brilliant Harvard scientist whose research could lead to breakthroughs in early cancer detection, was charged with a felony by the Trump administration for failing to declare preserved frog samples at customs, which is normally a very minor infraction handled by a mere warning.

Instead, she is locked up in an ICE detention center in Louisiana, facing possible deportation to Russia. This isn't just cruel, it sends a chilling message to scientists and international students around the world: Come to America, and you may be imprisoned instead of empowered.

Then there is Ardem Patapoutian, who came to the U.S. from war-torn Lebanon at 18. He worked nights delivering pizza to become eligible for the University of California. Years later, with the help of an NIH research grant, he launched a lab making groundbreaking discoveries on how humans sense touch and went on to win the Nobel Prize in 2021.

However, thanks to Trump's cuts to science funding, his Federal grant has been frozen. Just like that, China offered to fund his lab for the next 20 years in any city, any university, anywhere he wants. China is winning this war.

That is what countries like China are doing. They are investing in students, in science, and in research because they want to win the future while Trump wants to only tweet about the past and harm American innovation.

We should be doubling down on education and innovation. We should be building labs and funding scholarships, not building walls.

Here is the truth: You don't make America great again by making Americans dumber. You don't build up the economy by draining it of talent and opportunity. This is not just about

spreadsheets and budget lines. It is about real people: students trying to become the first in their family to graduate, young scientists working on the next breakthrough, and teachers trying to give every child a chance.

Trump's budget doesn't just threaten programs. It threatens progress. We must fight back.

Let's protect our students, support our researchers, and defend the right for everyone to dream big and achieve greatness in the United States of America.

STOP DEFENDING LAWLESSNESS

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, it is really difficult for me to be in this Chamber and hear my Democrat colleagues disparage our country and how we treat immigrants.

The fact is, they are defending lawlessness. They are defending the invasion of our sovereign country. They are promoting and defending people breaking the law, cutting the line of millions of people who are respecting our laws, our country, and the safety of our citizens.

What you won't hear from my Democrat colleagues this morning is to condemn what is happening in L.A., and the violence being perpetrated against our law enforcement agents who are simply trying to uphold the laws of the land.

That is how upside down and backward the Democratic Party has become. You won't hear any of that. These people are risking their lives for you and for me and our families and our communities to stop the flood of drugs and crime pouring into this country. It is unacceptable.

HONORING THE UMC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TEAM

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of heroes that have been a lifeline for the people of Lubbock County for 50 years: the UMC Emergency Medical Services team.

Since their first 911 response back in November 1975, well before the University Medical Center Hospital even opened its doors, UMC EMS has been on the front lines of saving lives and serving our communities in west Texas.

We are fortunate to have the highest level of healthcare and emergency response professionals protecting our families. In fact, UMC EMS is one of just 46 EMS systems worldwide with a dual accreditation. Their team has earned the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline Gold Award every year since 2019, a well-deserved honor.

Mr. Speaker, I thank everyone at UMC EMS, past and present, for their unparalleled care, for their endless compassion, and most of all, their commitment to excellence and service to the people of west Texas. I congratu-

late them on 50 years of incomparable service, and here is to 50 more.

God bless America, and go west Texas.

CONGRATULATING COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGETTES

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of young ladies that have accomplished something that no other Texas softball team has in the history of softball in Texas, the Coahoma High School Bulldogettes have secured their third straight championship.

This historic achievement speaks to their drive, their determination, and overall commitment to excellence as well as, of course, the leadership and commitment of their coach, Alex Orosco.

The Bulldogettes have put their community on the map, and all of Texas is taking notice. I congratulate the young ladies on such an unprecedented accomplishment. I thank them for representing the best of west Texas. They are all winners on and off the field and in every sense of the word.

Again, God bless America, and go west Texas.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BABIN). The gentleman from Texas has 2 minutes remaining.

BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL'S POSITIVE IMPACT ON RURAL AMERICA

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I think I can say a few things in 2 minutes, believe it or not, about some of the comments my colleague, Representative BAUMGARTNER, said about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and its positive impact on rural America, the heartbeat of this country.

The food, fuel, and fiber capital of the world, west Texas, I can tell you, appreciates what is in this big and beautiful bill. It is more than just stopping a 22 percent increase in taxes for hardworking Americans who suffered an inflation tax of about 20 percent over the last 4 years. It is beyond sustainable.

We could go through the list of the largest spending cuts of wasteful, woke, and fraud in this Federal Government. That is two times the deepest cut to wasteful spending in the history of our country.

We can talk about energy dominance, the most significant commitment to opening up energy resources in this country to bring down the cost of energy prices for our families and to make American energy dominant again.

We are so blessed by our natural resources. I will talk about the farm bill reforms. Republicans are strengthening the safety net, the risk management tools to stabilize the ag economy with respect to the volatile prices, the volatility in weather and the investment in trade promotion to open up new markets and opportunities for ag products made here and grown here in the USA.

We have provisions in there that strengthen rural hospitals so they can