

Today, we remember a man whose faith was inseparable from action, whose love for his neighbors left an imprint on our institutions, and whose memory is a blessing to us all. May we continue to carry his torch forward.

RECOGNIZING ADAM WYATT AND RIA GANDOTRA

(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, I rise today to recognize two exceptional students from the greater Lehigh Valley, Adam Wyatt and Ria Gandotra, recipients of the 2025 Congressional Award Gold Medal, the highest honor Congress can bestow upon a civilian youth.

Adam, a student at Nazareth Area High School and an Eagle Scout, has used the program to build leadership skills, service, and discipline. From studying Russian and leading his family on a 19-day European tour to interviewing local veterans, he has taken on challenges that show real initiative and follow-through.

Ria, a student at Moravian Academy, volunteered at a camp for children with special needs, worked to better herself academically, played on her school's tennis team, and planned a family trip to Toronto. Her work reflects both compassion and determination and a clear commitment to personal and civic growth.

Adam and Ria exemplify the values of service, perseverance, and personal development. I am proud to recognize their achievements and the positive impact they have had on their local community as young leaders in the greater Lehigh Valley.

HONORING LEADERS AND ADVOCATES

(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, I rise to recognize a group of Westchester residents who have taken on the role of civic involvement on issues of importance to the local, county, State, and Federal level. I am speaking about the leaders and advocates in my home district.

These individuals have taken on that most traditional of American values, which is active citizenship in matters of public policy. We have seen our values such as the right to vote, the rights of free speech and due process, and the rights to benefits earned through honest work or service to our Nation under attack.

It will take everyday citizens to stand up and say, no, we don't agree with what is happening today. We see a better future for America.

I recognize Margaret Bradbury, Kim Snyder, and Rhiannon Navin in New Rochelle; Jenny Geer in Mamaroneck;

Suki van Dijk in Rye; Khris Tahmin in Eastchester; Jenny Bernhard and Liz Scafidì in White Plains; Gaby Bordwin and Marjorie Hsu in the Rivertowns; Eileen O'Connor and Elizabeth de Bethune in Yonkers; Susan Van Dolsen of Harrison; and Shannon Powell of Mamaroneck.

The work they are doing has earned our respect and deserves our praise.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, \$168 billion was the amount the Federal Government improperly paid last year. We paid some bills two or three times. We paid the wrong invoices altogether. We paid invoices we didn't know we paid because there was no tracking mechanism.

If only, Mr. Speaker, there was a bill to require the Department of the Treasury to ensure accuracy and eligibility in Federal spending.

Wait, there is. I just filed it, Mr. Speaker. It is the Delivering On Government Efficiency in Spending Act, DOGE in Spending Act.

The war on waste, fraud, and abuse begins today by requiring the Treasury Department to simply track, verify, and cross-check payments. That is what the DOGE in Spending Act will do.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve accountability and transparency. I urge all my colleagues to join me, and I am saving a cosponsorship for each of them.

Mr. Speaker, let's deliver results. Let's go get them.

HONORING WOMEN VETERANS DAY

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of national Women Veterans Day.

Last week, I spoke with a combat veteran from Kaneohe, Hawaii, my hometown. She was among the first class of women to graduate from West Point. Two decades after leaving the Army, she returned to serve as a chaplain. She deployed to Afghanistan, earned Airborne and Air Assault qualification, and was awarded the Legion of Merit and five Meritorious Service Medals.

Yet she felt compelled to come all the way to Washington, D.C., to join in a veterans protest on D-day because the very progress she helped to secure she now saw being callously unraveled.

These include women's history erased from Defense websites; senior female leaders pushed out; accountability on sexual assault fading; and a narrow, male-centric culture of lethality that sidelines women in service.

She asked me: How is it we are fighting and having to refight the battles we have already won?

Shame on this administration for turning its back on women like my constituent who have worn the uniform and are now made to fight again for the dignity and respect they have already earned.

Women veterans are watching, and they will not be silent.

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FREDERICA ACADEMY BASEBALL TEAM

(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 honor the Frederica Academy baseball team who won the program's first-ever State championship this season.

Since 1969, Frederica Academy has earned 76 State titles across all its athletic programs, except for one. Their baseball program had battled a history of ups and downs, not quite being able to finish the drill, until now.

Fighting back from near elimination early in the playoffs, the St. Simon's team overcame adversity to make their first State title series since 2018. The boys swept their opponents from Pinewood Christian to earn the GIAA Class 3A baseball State championship and made history for their athletic program.

Under Head Coach Tim Orlosky, these young men exhibited persistence, sportsmanship, and humility in their title run.

Mr. Speaker, join me in congratulating this team of incredible young men and everybody who supported them in their journey to achieve history for Frederica Academy.

RESCISSION PACKAGE

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the cruel rescission package that passed the House strictly on partisan lines.

Let me be clear: This legislation is a shameful, backwards attempt to cancel \$9.8 billion in funding that had already been passed into law. It cuts critical investments in lifesaving programs that support reproductive health and education.

It also slashes funding for the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, also known as PEPFAR. This bipartisan initiative has been supported by both parties for 20 years.

As a volunteer who stood on the front lines of the AIDS epidemic, I witnessed firsthand and remember when an HIV diagnosis was tantamount to a death sentence. However, because of programs like PEPFAR, this is no longer so.

In fact, since its launch in 2003, PEPFAR has saved 26 million lives and enabled 8 million babies to be born without HIV infection.

This package also threatens funding to public broadcasting like NPR and PBS which educate, inform, and enrich the lives of Americans.

The American people have been clear that they want Congress to lower costs and make life easier for working families. Instead, we are spending our time threatening health programs and trying to take "Sesame Street" off the air.

CALIFORNIANS CAN NOW DRIVE A CAR OF THEIR CHOICE

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

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, today was a tremendous victory for sanity in California. I had the opportunity to join President Trump at the White House where he signed into law a resolution I introduced to reverse Gavin Newsom's ban on gas cars once and for all.

I want to thank my colleagues here in Congress on both sides of the aisle who joined us in passing this and getting it to the President's desk where it was signed into law today.

Because of its passage, Californians can now continue to drive a car of their choice rather than one that is dictated to them by the government.

We are pretty close to killing the high-speed rail disaster once and for all, as well, so we can invest money in our roads where it is needed. I think, Mr. Speaker, that we truly are on a path back to sanity in California.

CALIFORNIANS SHOULD CONTINUE TO PEACEFULLY PROTEST

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, in just 1 week, this administration has conducted raids into my community to meet arbitrary deportation quotas. They have unnecessarily sent National Guard and marines, which have only inflamed peaceful protest, and they have thrown down to the ground a U.S. Senator, my U.S. Senator, and handcuffed him for trying to ask questions to DHS Secretary Noem.

This is happening because the administration does not like that they have different opinions from the State of California.

My constituents deserve more from their President, and our democracy deserves more from the President. I stand with all Californians who want to keep pushing, keep using our voice, and keep peacefully protesting the actions of this lawless President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BEGICH). Members are reminded not to engage in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 4-H STUDENTS FROM FILLMORE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of 4-H students from Fillmore County, Nebraska. They competed in the American Rocketry Challenge national finals last month.

Selected from over 1,000 entries from across the Nation, the students qualified as national finalists after designing, building, flight testing, and launching their rocket under highly specified requirements to target an impressive 790 feet and land while keeping the rocket's payload intact.

On May 16, I was delighted to welcome members of the club, which calls itself the STEAM Punks, to the Rockets on the Hill event, along with Coach Kristina Woods. Team leaders Kelsey Ellison and Ruby Long, displayed their model, the product of a 2-month engineering process.

Through their hard work and technical excellence, these young people have made Nebraska's Third District proud. With such dedication, they will continue to reach even greater heights.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, NOT OF THE KING

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

Mrs. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 6, 2021, a crowd of people stormed the Capitol seeking for the second time in American history to take by force what they could not win at the ballot box.

Capitol Police were beaten as they tried to protect Members of this body and the Vice President of the United States from harm. Congressional leaders begged President Trump to send in the National Guard. He refused. However, Virginia, the birthplace of American democracy, did.

Four years later, President Trump pardoned the individuals who sought to harm Members of Congress and who did hurt Capitol Police who swear to keep us safe.

Now, as people exercise their constitutional right to protest, President Trump has deployed the National Guard and the Marines, and now an administration that ignores the Constitution it swore to preserve, protect, and defend seeks to intimidate, assault, and arrest Members of Congress exercising their oversight duties outlined in that same constitution, like Representative LAMONICA McIVER and Senator ALEX PADILLA.

Next year we have the opportunity to celebrate 250 years of a remarkable idea of power derived from the people, not from a king, but only if we take action now.

SAYRE POSEY, UTAH'S STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Utah's State Teacher of the Year, Sayre Posey, an outstanding educator who embodies the mission of the Merit Caucus: excellence, innovation, and high expectations.

She comes from a long line of teachers. Her great-grandfather taught in a one-room schoolhouse in West Virginia, and her mom is a retired kindergarten teacher.

Now, teaching eighth grade U.S. history at Northwest Middle School in Salt Lake City, Ms. Posey brings history to life through project-based learning. Her students have earned honors at regional and State national history day competitions.

She is proof that when we empower great educators and focus on merit, then our students thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I thank her for her leadership and proudly recognize her service today.

HONORING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS ON THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

(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, today I rise to honor the 90th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous, a global, peer-led and spiritual-based, 12-step program, an organization founded in Ohio's 13th Congressional District in my hometown of Akron, Ohio.

In June of 1935, a meeting between Bill W., a New York stockbroker, and Dr. Bob, an Akron surgeon, both struggling with alcoholism, sparked a movement that would change millions of lives around the world.

With the guidance of Dr. William Silkworth, they came to understand that alcoholism is not a moral failure but a disease of the mind and body that requires treatment. From that understanding and their commitment to helping others, Alcoholics Anonymous was born.

What began as one small group meeting at Akron City Hospital has now grown into a global fellowship with 123,000 groups in 180 countries and literature translated into more than 100 languages.

With an estimated membership of over 2 million people, Alcoholics Anonymous has helped countless individuals find hope, recovery, and community.

AA's legacy of humility and service is reflected in its traditions, especially the principles of anonymity and putting service before self. Those who are members are dedicated, because each year they make the pilgrimage to Akron on Founders' Day to pay tribute