

creation, increased public revenues, and fostered collective hope for future prosperity throughout Bedford County.

On behalf of everyone in the 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Bette on her retirement and wish her the best.

WE SAY NO

(Ms. STANSBURY of New Mexico was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say:

No to endless wars.

No to a President who breaks the law daily.

No to a Republican Congress that is so weak and so spineless that they refuse to stand up.

No to Congressmen and -women who refuse to do their jobs.

No to a Republican Congress that is attempting to rob the American people of healthcare, food, and public lands.

No to lawmakers who refuse to speak out as this administration undermines the rule of law, due process, and American democracy.

No to Members of this Chamber who have been so kowtowed by Donald Trump that they are failing to stand up for the American people, their own people who elected them in good faith and sent them here to defend this country and uphold the Constitution and the rule of law.

We say no.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today as Donald Trump has taken us to the precipice—the precipice of war, a constitutional crisis, and millions living in fear and marching in the streets.

Mr. Speaker, 3 days ago, the President ordered a unilateral military strike against Iran and notified the majority of Congress and the American people, essentially, by tweet, using a social media post on Truth Social.

Days later, the world is in chaos because we have a President who is acting unilaterally. Authoritarianism is on the rise across the planet, and a region has been destabilized by conflict and violence, putting millions of people at risk, not only in this country but across the world.

American troops are in harm's way.

Iran is seeking help from our adversaries in Russia.

To date, we have had exactly zero—zero—briefings here in this Chamber from the President or the White House about their strategy or intent, or on what they know, what they planned, and how they are going to protect our troops, our bases, and the American people.

This follows on days of Donald Trump attacking the American people on our own soil by deploying United States marines, as combat troops, and the National Guard against our own people.

His own DHS Secretary and Federal agents handcuffed and pushed a United States Senator to the floor.

His U.S. attorney indicted a United States Congresswoman from this Chamber for doing her job.

A New York City official was arrested in a Federal courthouse.

I ask my colleagues: Is this the America that you swore your oath to and that you raised your right hand to defend, an America where the President is making hundreds of millions of dollars in a cryptocurrency bribery scheme; an America where the President is soliciting foreign governments for private gifts, including a \$400 million jet in exchange for favors; and who is systemically dismantling programs that feed and house our people? He is trying to gut our healthcare systems and saddle generations of our people with trillions of dollars in debt so that he and his billionaire friends can have a few more tax breaks and a few more toys in their collection.

Is that what you stand for? Is that why you ran for office? Is that what the GOP and the Republicans in charge of this Chamber ran for and stand for?

You are the people who decide what moves on this floor and hold the keys to accountability. You are the ones who know that what is happening right now is wrong.

I ask how you can sit idly by and watch as your President dismantles the systems that uphold our democracy and the rule of law.

How can you sit here and watch as he recklessly deploys the military at home and abroad, threatening the safety and security of our people?

How can you sit idly by and watch as children starve across the world, including in Gaza and Sudan?

How can you justify a man who cozies up to our foreign adversaries and turns his back on our allies?

It does not have to be this way. You control this Chamber. You decide what happens, and Donald Trump is not a king.

I call on my Republican colleagues to find your backbones, find your moral compass, find your resolve, do what is right, and do your jobs.

I say to the American people: Keep marching. Keep speaking.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired. The gentlewoman is no longer recognized.

Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING UGA 2025 BOREN AWARD WINNERS

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Georgia and its remarkable students for achieving a national distinction in international education.

UGA now ranks second in the Nation for the prestigious Boren Awards, a testament to its academic excellence in global engagement.

These awards help support students who are studying languages and cultures critical to national security and U.S. interests. In 2025, seven UGA students were selected, securing funding for their education and creating a pathway to public service.

I congratulate Jack, Nicholas, Sara, Sadie, Madison, Mark, and Jessica on their well-deserved achievement.

Their work embodies the values and work ethic of the University of Georgia. The university's success reflects the amazing work of its faculty, staff, and students.

CHEERS TO NIC WALLACE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nic Wallace, whose talent and creativity have earned him national recognition as the 2025 World Class U.S. Bartender of the Year.

Mr. Wallace, the bars and spirits manager at the Sea Island Resort, received the highest honor in American mixology, awarded through a rigorous competition that tests the Nation's top bartenders on skill, storytelling, and hospitality.

Among 30 national finalists, Mr. Wallace emerged as the champion after a series of challenges, including speed rounds, signature cocktail pairings, and original recipe presentations.

As Georgia's sole finalist, he embraced that responsibility with pride and excelled in all aspects.

For more than a decade, Nic has pursued this title with determination and focus. As he himself said: "No matter how much you want something, no matter how long it takes, you can get it."

Nic will now represent the United States in the global finals in Toronto later this year.

I congratulate Nic on this achievement.

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HONORING A REMARKABLE VETERAN: ANDREA "FEARLESS" SMITH BROWN

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran from Savannah, Georgia, Ms. Andrea Smith Brown, known by many as "Fearless."

Andrea is a 60-year-young Army veteran whose journey of healing from PTSD has taken a courageous and inspiring turn.

For decades, she had been healing but found a breakthrough in her recovery in an unlikely place. What began as a hobby has become her therapy and a safe place where fear has turned to freedom. She uses her motorcycle as the vehicle for her fearless healing.

She defended her nickname by conquering the Pikes Peak summit, completing the 18-mile trek more than 14,000 feet in the air.

Last month, she undertook a solo cross-country ride, her travels stretching over 5,000 miles. She is now one of only 16 people worldwide to complete the I-10 End to End Ride alone.

"Fearless" isn't just her nickname. It is a legacy she is building with every mile.

Mr. Speaker, today we salute Andrea Smith Brown for her service not only in uniform but also her continued devotion to others by showing what it means to serve, heal, and keep moving forward.

RECOGNIZING DR. JIM HOTZ

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Jim Hotz, a Georgia resident who has dedicated 47 years to providing medical care to those in rural communities.

When Dr. Hotz began practicing in Leesburg, Georgia, he was not only the only doctor in the county but the first they had seen in nearly 40 years.

Shocked to see so many people suffering from diseases no longer considered to be a widespread threat, such as tuberculosis, Dr. Hotz made it his mission to remedy the lack of accessible medical care that plagued rural Georgia. From snake bites to cervical cancer, Dr. Hotz treated thousands of patients who otherwise would have been forced to commute across counties for treatment, a trip that could cost them their lives.

In addition to nearly 50 years of medical service, Dr. Hotz founded Albany Area Primary Health Care to assist rural communities in obtaining accessible healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hotz represents the best of compassion and community service, and it is an honor to recognize him and his many accomplishments.

THANKING PRESIDENT TRUMP FOR SAVING THE WORLD

(Mr. FINE of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank President Trump for saving the world. For those who don't recognize it, we have been at war with Iran for the last 46 years, or more likely and more accurately, Iran has been at war with us.

In 1979, they took American citizens hostage and paraded them out on the news day after day after day until President Reagan secured their release.

In 1983, a suicide bomb in Beirut, paid for by the Iranians, killed 63 people, including 17 Americans. In 1983, later that year, we all know they blew up our barracks with our marines, killing 241 people. Between 2003 and 2011, more than 600 American soldiers were killed by Iranian proxies.

Then obviously on October 7, 2023, 1,200 people were killed by Hamas, but Hamas is a proxy and largely paid for by Iran. Within that 1,200 people, 48 were Americans.

It leads me to ask this simple question: What if they had had a nuclear weapon?

For decades, American Presidents have said Iran can never have a nuclear weapon. It is a lot of talk but not a lot of action. Over and over and over again, Iran moved forward, building their bunkers deeper, building their sites more widespread, putting the world further at risk.

When Donald Trump talks, he doesn't just talk. When he says he is going to do something, he does it.

Over the weekend, we saw this President do what has been necessary for decades: To make sure the largest sponsor of terrorism in the world does not have the power to kill us all.

Make no mistake, just imagine if they had a nuclear weapon on 9/11. Imagine if they had a nuclear weapon on October 7.

When our enemies tell us they want to kill us, we should believe them. When they say, "death to Israel," when they say, "death to America," and when they say they want to wipe us off the map, they mean it. They mean it because we live in a world where we do not all share the same values. We live in a world where there is good and evil in our civilization.

In the Judeo-Christian civilization of the United States and the West, we believe in life. We believe in prosperity. We do not believe in martyrdom. We do not celebrate death. That is not what we believe. There are those that do, and we put ourselves in great peril when we fail to recognize that.

Donald Trump recognized it. Our brave American soldiers who flew 40 hours round trip to deliver a message that under this President and under the Congress that is here and under this leadership, we will never allow Iran to have those nuclear weapons.

The days ahead will be scary because Iran has said that they will respond. They should make no mistake: They mess with America at their own peril.

The last thing I will say is this, and I say this to those on my side. It is one thing when I call out the anti-Semitism of those who do not stand in my party, who do not agree with me, who do not call themselves conservatives, but I am an equal opportunist. It is easy to call it out on the other side. You must do it on your own.

To those on my side who hate Jews and hate Israel so much that they are willing to jeopardize the security of the United States, know this: You are in the minority, you will lose, and I and President Trump are going to fight you every step of the way.

SELLING OR TRANSFERRING FEDERAL LANDS

(Mr. LAMALFA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, lately there has been one heck of a lot of misinformation—which would be the kind term—flat-out lies about the land that is held in control by the Federal Government and proposals to perhaps sell a part of it.

What are we looking at here? There are really a lot of people on the left talking about an idea, a concept that hasn't even been completely fleshed out over on the Senate side, as part of the big, beautiful bill.

If you have listened to their talking points, you would think we are selling

off Yosemite and bulldozing national parks, which, of course, is nonsense. No one is proposing that. They know it but they keep saying it anyway.

Groups are putting out deliberately misleading maps, showing entire national forests and mountain ranges being at risk, even though the bill explicitly protects any land with a designation such as national parks, monuments, recreation areas, wilderness, and more.

It also excludes land with valid existing rights, which means grazing leases and mining claims stay in place, and backcountry roads and trails will be protected.

I am disappointed with some of the people that I tend to hang with generally on falling to that category, as well.

What is actually being considered are isolated, orphaned parcels near existing development. These are parcels the Federal Government doesn't maintain and usually has no use for. A lot of times the Federal land is held in checkerboard patterns.

Let me refer to the map here a little bit. You see this bright orange in the Western States, west of the Rockies, that is dominated as federally controlled land. The East much less so. That is probably why folks in the Eastern part of the country don't think this is a big deal. They think we will just let the Federal Government control more and more of these lands.

Let's look at Nevada here. It is almost solid orange, as well as Utah. My district in northern California is dominated by Federal land.

Is that good or is that bad?

Well, when we continue to have million-acre fires, hundreds of thousands of acres of fires, whichever year it is occurring, it is a pretty bad deal, as well.

We used to have a good, strong timber industry in my part of the State, as well as the West, that has been replaced by us having to come hat in hand every year to ask for what is called Secure Rural Schools funding, which is a replacement for what used to go to counties and local schools from timber harvest receipts. That was knocked out years ago due to the spotted owl and environmental stuff that has gone along with that for so many years. What we get then is Federal lands that are held and hardly even managed or touched.

I gave you all the exclusions a moment ago on areas that wouldn't even be part of a proposal, which is still a proposal over on the Senate side, on what Federal lands might be for sale. The Federal Government controls 640 million acres. What is even being talked about over there is a tiny fraction of that. The last number I heard was somewhere around 3 million. I don't know if that will hold up in the bill or not. New proposals are coming on that, but at least we can talk about it. We are talking about the sale of maybe one-half of 1 percent of all this