

on the Surfside Beach Town Council, the board of directors for the Horry County Council on Aging and the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments. He brought honesty and common sense to local government and was loved by all.

When you look at the iconic Surfside Beach pier, know that it was Bob's tireless efforts, advocacy, and grit that rebuilt it after devastating hurricanes impacted our region.

Bob was an incredibly hard worker, and his passion for improving the lives of those around him always remained constant. Bob was an incredible person, too. He believed in passing the baton, in helping people, people who wanted to serve their community. Bob was a constant voice in their ear for good public service.

He was the kind of man who lived his values, not just in words, but in the way he treated others. May his memory leave a lasting legacy for all those who knew him.

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#### HONORING FDNY CAPTAIN FREDERICK SIMMS, JR.

(Mr. LAWLER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of FDNY Captain Frederick Simms, Jr., a proud son of Rockland County, a devoted husband, and a true public servant.

Born in Nyack, raised in Tappan, and a graduate of Tappan Zee High School, Freddie dedicated his life to serving others. He spent 22 years with the FDNY, rising through the ranks from Ladder 58 in the Bronx to lieutenant in Harlem and ultimately returning as captain of 58 Truck.

Freddie also served for over 27 years with the Tappan Volunteer Fire Department, including time as chief, and helped train the next generation of firefighters as a New York State fire instructor and Rockland County deputy fire coordinator.

Freddie passed away at 49 after a long battle with 9/11-related cancer. He will be remembered for his leadership, heart, and willingness to always put others first.

My thoughts are with his wife, Jill; his family; his brothers and sisters in the fire service; and his parents. May his legacy of service live on.

#### HONORING MOUNT KISCO

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the 150th anniversary of the village of Mount Kisco, an extraordinary community in New York's Hudson Valley with a proud past and a bright future.

From its roots as Lenape homeland to its days as a colonial settlement and a bustling railroad hub, Mount Kisco's story is one of resilience, reinvention, and unity.

Officially incorporated in 1875 and later establishing itself as one of New

York's few towns and villages, Mount Kisco has long been a beacon of community spirit and progress. This sesquicentennial is a moment to celebrate the people who have shaped Mount Kisco across generations, our farmers, families, businessowners, and public servants alike.

Happy 150th, Mount Kisco, and here is to the next 150 years.

#### HONORING DENIS TROY

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my good friend and longtime Orangetown leader, Denis Troy.

A proud Bronx native, Denis built his life in Pearl River alongside his wife, Bea, raising a wonderful family and giving back every step of the way.

Whether it was his long tenure on the town board, his work in the Rockland County legislature, or his service with organizations like Camp Venture, the Hibernians, CYO basketball, and Pearl River Little League, Denis always puts his community first.

As I said when we celebrated his retirement from the Orangetown board, his accomplishments are too many to list, but his impact is undeniable. Denis has always put our community first and stood up for our families. He has never shied away from a fight and always does right by the town.

I am proud to call him a friend, and I thank Denis for his many contributions to the town of Orangetown.

#### RECOGNIZING SHERIFF KEVIN MCCONVILLE

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Kevin McConville, a lifelong resident of Putnam County and a true public servant.

For over 30 years, Kevin served with distinction in the MTA Police Department, rising from patrol to become the department's first internal appointee as chief. He led with vision, creating a counterterrorism task force in the aftermath of 9/11, partnering with the FBI, and launching a 50-member canine unit to protect our transit system.

Kevin was on the ground on 9/11, helping coordinate the MTA's response and later guiding long-term security efforts during critical moments in our history.

A Marist graduate, Kevin has mentored others in criminal justice.

Above all, he is a devoted husband to his wife, Janice, and a father, grandfather, and respected community leader.

Recently, Kevin announced he would not run for reelection as sheriff. On behalf of New York's 17th District and the residents of Putnam County, I thank Sheriff McConville for a lifetime of service and leadership.

Most importantly, I thank my friend, a good man. I love you, bud.

#### HONORING ROBERTA DOREMUS

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Roberta Doremus of Rockland County, who passed away on June 5.

Roberta was the definition of service. For over six decades, she dedicated her-

self to the volunteer fire service, serving 65 years with the Tallman Ladies Auxiliary, 59 years with the Rockland County Volunteer Firefighters' Association, and over 25 years as a leader with the Association of Fire Districts of Rockland County.

Roberta was a charter member and treasurer of the Rockland County Volunteer Fire Services Museum, tireless advocate for our first responders, and beloved friend to so many.

Professionally, Roberta worked for 40 years at Orange and Rockland Utilities, earning the prestigious Edison Living Our Values award. Above all, she was a devoted mother, grandmother, and sister.

Her impact on our community is immeasurable, and her loss is deeply felt. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved her, especially all those serving in our fire departments across Rockland County.

#### ELECTIONS MATTER

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, elections matter.

Isn't it refreshing to see a President who actually keeps his campaign promises? He promises not only safety but also economic opportunity.

On the safety front, it is clear that our border is once again secured with a 99 percent reduction of people coming through the border. We finally have a secure border, thanks to the work of our President leading by example and making sure now, with the big, beautiful bill, they will actually have the funding to make sure that is a long-term solution.

In that same vein, as we face increasing threats from around the world, he is making the Golden Dome happen. We are seeing the success of the Iron Dome right now in the Middle East. We will now have this Golden Dome so that, God forbid, if something radical happens, we have the protective measures in place to make sure that all American citizens are safe.

That is the kind of leadership that people were asking for last November, commonsense security not only economically but, of course, for national security.

When we talk about the big, beautiful bill, what I am most happy about is that the folks who were left behind the last 4 years are finally being taken care of. We are in a situation where America is truly moving in the right direction. Those folks who earned tips or overtime, people who earned Social Security, and families who worked hard after being hard-hit by higher gas prices, rent prices, and food prices are being helped in this bill.

This is what the American Dream is all about, looking to Washington, D.C., and finally seeing a Washington, D.C., that cares about the everyday Americans who make America work every single day.

Finally, I will say this about our President. My entire lifetime, I have watched the chaos in the Middle East created by one nation, Iran. They wreaked havoc on the region. They undercut the idea of democracy, let alone freedoms, not only around the nations that surround them but within their own nation, depriving people of basic rights, especially women.

The President said enough is enough. This Nation has put too many nations in peril, and he has stood up and eliminated the threat of a nuclear weapon so that we no longer have this unrest in the region.

Because of his prior policies as President, we now have economic energy security so we are not as reliant on the Middle East because the truth is our true threat now lies in China.

If we can secure this area in the Middle East because of the President's bold actions, we finally have security and certainty, which so many American families are hoping for.

This is the kind of leadership that people expect out of Washington, D.C., and probably why I chose to run for office once again. It simply wasn't working in Washington, D.C. We needed a leader who would actually enforce the laws, and that is exactly what our President has done.

We are just getting started, and I am optimistic that, over the next few days if not a few weeks at the latest, we can pass this bill and offer economic certainty and security to Americans so that we can see the results as the years go by.

Everyday Americans don't care what happens in Washington. They care what happens in their family and their local communities.

We need to make America work, and when Washington works, we all thrive.

I applaud our President for keeping his campaign promises, pushing forward this agenda of peace and prosperity to make not only America great again but make the world a much safer place.

#### HONORING JOHN PRESCOTT CHAPLIN

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

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a giant of athletics, not just in Cougar Country but in all of American sports and the world of track and field.

His name is John Prescott Chaplin, born in Los Angeles, educated at WSU, an Army veteran, a professor in geography, and a coach in the truest, oldest, most honorable sense of the word.

From 1968 to 1994, Chaplin transformed WSU from a modest program into a global track and field powerhouse. Under his leadership, the Cougars captured 19 top-four NCAA trophies, won 218 All-American honors, and crowned 17 individual NCAA champions. His dual meet record was 202

wins to just 15 losses, 9 undefeated seasons, and 6 national dual meet titles.

Chaplin coached Olympic gold medalists, world record holders, and world champions, and he did it not in Los Angeles or Austin but in Pullman, Washington, on the rolling hills of the Palouse.

John Chaplin's recruits came from Spokane, Seattle, and all corners of the globe, young men chasing opportunity, education, and excellence. Henry Rono, Julius Korir, and Bernard Lagat weren't just track stars. They were ambassadors for what college sports can be: meritocratic, international, and transformational.

Chaplin was more than just a coach. He was a statesman of the sport. He served as U.S. Olympic head coach in Sydney in 2000, where his athletes won six gold medals.

John Chaplin also chaired the USA Men's Track and Field Committee, refereed NCAA and international championships, advised federations from Russia to Senegal, and lectured on coaching from Argentina to China.

John Chaplin brought honor to his profession and Washington State University.

Mr. Speaker, I must tell you this. This very program he built is, unfortunately, being hollowed out. Just last week, WSU announced the elimination of field events and a dramatic reduction in sprints and hurdles. Of the 45 Cougar Olympians, 20 of them were in field events.

The legacy of Chaplin and the athletes he coached is being boxed in by a college athletic system that no longer rewards broad-based opportunity. Yes, these cuts come in the shadow of the House v. NCAA settlement, a legal sledgehammer that forces schools like WSU to pay football and basketball players while draining the lifeblood of Olympic sports.

Chaplin's world record holders and his All-Americans in today's system are expendable. We can fix this. We must fix this, not with more lawsuits, not with blank checks for the Power Four, not with unlimited authority to the commissioner of the SEC and the commissioner of the Big Ten, but with Federal reform that restores equity, sustains opportunity, and honors the values of folks like John Chaplin.

If we lose the spirit of Cougar track, we are not just losing a program. We are losing a piece of what college sports were meant to be.

#### HONORING TONY CANADEO

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor a true football legend from Spokane and also the man who rediscovered his story.

Tony Canadeo, known as the Gray Ghost of Gonzaga, came from humble beginnings as a 5-foot-8, 150-pound kid on Chicago's North Side.

Tony's grit and talent carried him all the way to the Green Bay Packers, where he became one of the NFL's greats. He wasn't just a player. He was a pioneer and Hall of Famer whose No.

3 jersey was retired, a symbol of his lasting impact on one of college football's most storied franchises.

Tony's legacy goes beyond the field. A proud son of Italian immigrants, a dedicated family man, and a man of faith and character shaped by Gonzaga's Jesuit principles, he helped build the Packers' dynasty and even played a role in bringing Vince Lombardi to Green Bay.

Tony was Gonzaga's first national star. As Gonzaga makes its historic entry into the PAC-12, joining institutions that will now be showcased nationally, the storied legacy of Tony's athletes will be told to the Nation.

Tony's story had been forgotten for some time until local Spokane resident Dave Parks rediscovered it, and I want to honor Dave Parks for his heartfelt research and his call to hang the jersey of Tony Canadeo in the rafters of Gonzaga University's sports hall.

I thank Dave for bringing this story back to light and for the work he does for our community.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 59 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TIFFANY) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from You. All that we have, our life and our loved ones, our talents and the stewardship of them, our desires and their enjoyment, have all come from Your generous hand. We lack nothing.

Redeem us from the darkness in our hearts which shades us from seeing the revelations of Your grace. Save us from the fickleness of our faith which prevents us from appreciating Your divine design for our lives.

There is no variation or shadow cast by the perfect plan You reveal to us in the mercies of this day and every day. In You we receive everything.

Shine the light of Your salvation on each one of us, on this Nation, and on our world, that we would desire nothing more than to give our life, to use our talents, and to show our love to You for Your glory and the coming of Your kingdom. For You deserve the praise for all things.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.  
Amen.