

acting and directing. His one-man show, "Joyicity," inspired by the works of James Joyce, earned international acclaim. He was invited by both the President and Prime Minister of Ireland to perform the piece, a powerful testament to his talent.

Vincent first came to Buffalo in 1985 with his brother, Chris, to perform Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" in a hotel dining room in Cheektowaga, instantly winning over local critics and audiences.

That performance sparked something greater in Vincent, and in 1989, he returned to Buffalo permanently. Within a year, he cofounded the Irish Classical Theatre Company alongside his late brother, Chris, Josephine Hogan, and Dr. James Warde.

What began as a makeshift stage grew into one of Buffalo's most cherished institutions. For over 30 years as artistic director, Vincent brought his passion, creativity, and vision to the Irish Classical Theatre, directing 30 productions, appearing in 67 more, and setting the standard for excellence in local theater.

From The Andrews Theatre to Shea's 710, Vincent proved that Buffalo's theater scene could rival any in the world. "Waiting for Godot" remained a through line in his life. It was the first show the Irish Classical Theatre staged in its new home, the play that reopened the theater after the COVID-19 pandemic, and also his final role on that stage.

Vincent was more than a performer. He was a mentor, teacher, and leader. At the University of Buffalo, where he served as chair and director of theater performance, he shaped generations of actors, instilling in them discipline, empathy, and love for the craft. He collaborated with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, led Irish cultural celebrations, appeared in local films, and brought people together through art.

Vincent's contributions were recognized by peers and the community alike. He received Artie Awards for acting, directing, and lifetime achievement, along with honors like the Buffalo News Outstanding Citizen Award, Irish Echo Community Champion, and Irishman of the Year. Just 3 years ago, he was honored with a permanent star in the Buffalo Theater District's Plaza of Stars.

Together with his brother, Chris, the O'Neill name became synonymous with artistic excellence in Buffalo, a legacy now permanently etched into the city with the naming of The Brothers O'Neill Way on Main Street in the Buffalo Theater District.

Last week, Vincent O'Neill left us at the age of 75 after a battle with cancer. To lose Vincent is to lose a piece of Buffalo's artistic soul. Vincent was one of a kind: a consummate artist, a devoted teacher, a pillar of our arts community, and, above all, a man of vision, integrity, and warmth.

I thank his beloved wife, Teja; his children, Laura Emily, and Jamie;

their mother, Josephine Hogan; and his sister, Margaret, for sharing Vincent with us. His many friends, colleagues, and all whose lives he touched will honor the legacy he leaves behind. He will be missed beyond measure.

I find comfort in knowing that Vincent's spirit will remain with us in every performance at the Irish Classical Theatre, in every student who carries his lessons forward, and in every audience moved by the power of a great story, especially when told with the heart, soul, and humor of an Irishman.

May Vincent O'Neill rest in peace.
"Eternal peace"; "Suaimhneas siorai."

HONORING THE HORTMAN AND HOFFMAN FAMILIES

(Mr. EMMER of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Minnesota to honor the lives of former Minnesota Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, who were brutally murdered in their home on June 14.

We also express our collective outrage over this politically motivated attack, which resulted in life-threatening injuries to my friend, Minnesota State Senator John Hoffman, and his wife, Yvette.

My wife, Jacquie, and I have known Melissa for more than 20 years. Melissa and I joined the Minnesota Legislature together in 2005, and we served together until 2011.

While we may have disagreed on policy, Melissa was a great colleague who fearlessly fought for what she believed in and devotedly served the people of Minnesota.

One day, while I was in the Minnesota Legislature, I brought my only daughter to work with me. I wanted to introduce her to some of the strong female leaders in our State and my colleagues who were, frankly, exceptional at what they do.

One of the first people who I introduced Katie to was Melissa Hortman. Though we came from different sides of the aisle, Melissa was incredibly gracious with her time and couldn't have been more kind and encouraging to my daughter.

Melissa's warmth and generosity extended far beyond that moment. As speaker of the Minnesota House, she led with integrity and fostered bipartisan collaboration, even during the most challenging times in our State.

While we mourn Melissa and her husband, Mark, we continue to pray for healing and peace for Senator Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, and their daughter, Hope, who were targeted by the same evil coward that night.

I have known Senator Hoffman for many years and have had the pleasure of meeting his daughter, Hope, on several occasions as they visited our office here in Washington, D.C.

John is a wonderful man, devoted husband and father, and friend. He is a commonsense legislator and has been a champion for Minnesotans with disabilities throughout his time in office.

His bravery during the attack, lunging at the gunman to protect his family, likely saved their lives, though it left him with life-threatening injuries.

Yvette, who was also hit by the gunfire, heroically shielded their daughter, Hope, whose quick thinking in locking the door and calling 911 triggered a statewide law enforcement response that, frankly, prevented further tragedy. Their courage and heroism should continue to inspire us all.

We are grateful to the brave men and women of law enforcement for their work to apprehend the evil perpetrator, and we look forward to justice being served.

Let's be clear: There is absolutely no place in our country for politically motivated violence. This attack, carried out by an evil coward disguised as a peace officer, was not just an assault on two Minnesota families, but it was also an attack on the very fabric of our Nation. It sought to silence and strike fear into the hearts of those who dedicate their lives to public service.

As we continue to grieve, we cannot and will not let this tragedy define us. We must show our communities, our State, our country, and the world that Minnesotans are united and that our resolve is stronger now more than ever. From Minneapolis to Mankato and from Delano to Duluth, we come together as one voice to condemn all forms of political violence. We commit to always treat each other with respect, regardless of differing opinions or political affiliations.

Our prayers are with the Hortman family as they grieve the devastating loss of their loved ones, and we also continue to pray for John, Yvette, and Hope as they deal with the physical and emotional repercussions of this horrific attack.

In closing, I will echo the words of Melissa and Mark's children: "Hope and resilience are the enemy of fear. . . . Hold your loved ones a little closer. Love your neighbors. Treat each other with kindness and respect. The best way to honor our parents' memory is to do something, whether big or small, to make our community just a little better for someone else."

May we always adhere to that sentiment.

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HONORING BRIAN JOHNSON, CEO OF EQUALITY ILLINOIS

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian Johnson, CEO of Equality Illinois, who will be ending his tenure at the end of this month.

For nearly a decade, Brian has been a driving force behind the rapid growth and rise of Equality Illinois, turning it into a powerful multi-issue advocacy organization dedicated to advancing LGBTQ+ civil rights across the State.

At a time when we are seeing the LGBTQ+ community face relentless attacks, Brian has been at the helm of Equality Illinois fighting back and ensuring our State remains a safe, inclusive place for everyone.

As he enters this new chapter in his life, I wish him the best of luck and am confident that he will continue the good fight protecting and empowering the LGBTQ+ community in Illinois and across the country.

BENEFITS OF THE ONE BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL

(Mr. ROSE of Tennessee was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, the House Ways and Means Committee has run the numbers for the American people. They all point to this fact: The One Big Beautiful Bill Act is good for this Nation, good for everyday Americans, and certainly good for the men and women I represent in Tennessee.

Here are the numbers. The bill, which this body passed and which I was proud to vote for, some experts say could produce an annual GDP growth rate of more than 5 percent in the next 4 years, with longer term annual growth reaching 3.5 percent.

The bill is also set to preserve between 6 and 7 million manufacturing jobs nationally. That would impact a whole lot of families. In my district alone, this bill protects 12,000 manufacturing jobs, more than \$1.1 billion in wages, and more than \$2.2 billion in economic growth. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to pass this bill without delay.

Mr. Speaker, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act is about restoring fairness and awarding work, and it begins with Americans' taxes.

In Tennessee, the bill we passed here in the House would put an average of \$11,700 more in the pockets of a family of four every year. Under this bill, everyday Americans will see lower income tax rates, a larger standard deduction, and an expanded child tax credit. That means more take-home pay, more money for groceries, gas, and healthcare. Filing will be simpler. Refunds will be bigger.

This bill doesn't just cut taxes. It makes them fairer. It puts kitchen-table concerns at the center of policy and shifts the balance back toward the middle class. With the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, we are saying yes to opportunity, yes to working families, and yes to an economy that grows from the bottom up.

Mr. Speaker, it would be hard for me to count the number of job creators I have met in Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District since I came to Con-

gress in 2019, but I can tell you that nearly all of them emphasized to me the need for tax certainty and for tax and regulatory relief.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act includes something called R&D reprieves. That sounds like jargon to most people, but if a piece of equipment is the only thing separating you from expanding your business or hiring more employees, you know the term well.

Research and development tax credits have been the lifeblood of growth for small businesses and for our Nation's economy for several years. Estimates tell us that the immediate expensing for R&D will accelerate more than \$20 billion in investment. I have seen this firsthand in my own small business that I continue to operate. This bill is further proof of promises made, promises kept, and I was proud to support the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Mr. Speaker, the men and women who put a badge on every morning, every afternoon, every evening want to leave the world better than they found it. Yet we civilians don't fully appreciate just how much time they spend away from their families to protect ours. They stay late writing reports or working events. They are often required to testify in court on their days off to ensure the conviction of a suspect they have arrested. That time, overtime, is needed to truly serve their communities. They do it without complaint.

They do receive extra pay, of course, for their overtime, yet that often comes with the burden of extra income taxes. It puts many of our law enforcement officers in a tax bracket that costs them more money.

Fortunately, it is not about the money for most of our men and women in uniform. Fortunately, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act ensures that our brave law enforcement officers won't be taxed on their overtime pay.

OPPOSING PROVIDER TAX RESTRICTIONS IN THE GOP RECONCILIATION BILL

(Ms. BARRAGÁN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, Senate Republicans are making Donald Trump's big, ugly bill even uglier with steeper cuts to Medicaid that will leave more kids, parents, and seniors without healthcare. This is all so they can reward their billionaire donors with even bigger tax breaks.

This bill would deeply cut Medicaid and hurt our most vulnerable. Don't take my word for it. Republican Senator THOM TILLIS shared this chart on the State-by-State impact of Senate Republicans' newest cuts.

Do you live in North Carolina? If you do, you stand to lose \$38.9 billion and kick up to 600,000 people off Medicaid. Many States, including Republican States, lose tens of billions of dollars in Medicaid funding.

How about Virginia? Virginia will lose \$24.8 billion. Louisiana, the Speaker's home State, will lose \$20 billion. South Carolina will lose \$20 billion. States with small budgets would get hammered.

Iowa loses \$4.1 billion. What did Senator ERNST from Iowa have to say about it? She is not concerned. She says: "Well, we all are going to die."

Kentucky loses about \$12 billion. What does Senator MITCH MCCONNELL have to say about that? He says: "They'll get over it."

What? Are you, the American people, going to just get over losing your healthcare so that a billionaire can buy a bigger yacht? Do you want to die young in the emergency room so that a Fortune 500 company can add a few more seats to their private jet?

Here is what Senate Republicans are doing that caused Senator TILLIS to make this chart. Right now, States use a variety of tools to help pay for their share of Medicaid, which is the health insurance program for low-income families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

One of the most important tools is called a provider tax. That is when hospitals or health plans agree to pay a small tax to keep Medicaid running. In return, the Federal Government matches those dollars. It is a Federal-State partnership that keeps hospitals open, staff paid, and patients covered, but the Senate Republican bill would limit how much States can use that tool. It puts new restrictions on States that expanded Medicaid to low-income people, saying they can't collect as much from hospitals or health insurance companies as they do now.

It means the Federal Government would be telling States that you can't use the money you have depended on for years to keep Medicaid going. That is going to cause a lot of damage. Hospitals would lose funding. States will face bigger budget gaps.

What happens then? You will see cuts: cuts to healthcare, cuts to services, and cuts to the very people who need help the most. This means tens or even hundreds of billions of dollars lost. Those are not just numbers on a page. Those are real people losing health insurance. Those are real patients getting turned away and real communities, especially rural and low-income communities, being left behind.

This morning, the Senate Parliamentarian ruled that these provider tax restrictions cannot be included as drafted, but this fight is still very real.

We have seen Republicans rework the text of these radical cuts to get the Parliamentarian's approval, and at least one House Republican suggested today that they just ignore what this Parliamentarian has said.

I have no doubt that the plan Republicans come up with will slash Medicaid and devastate hospitals to fund their tax breaks.

Now a few Republicans here in the House have said these new cuts go too