

entire certification process, condensing it into a single trip to Dorn. As of January 10, 2025, this process has resulted in 14 certified drivers, which was a dramatic improvement that is now being considered for statewide implementation.

Her vision extends beyond boundaries, as she prepares to transition the management of the Veterans Transportation Program to the newly opening VA community-based outpatient clinic this summer. This will ensure that the impact of her work continues long after her tireless efforts.

Melinda Woodhurst is not only a dedicated public servant but also a compassionate leader and an unwavering advocate for our veterans. Her work is a shining example of what true civic responsibilities look like that I know will shape generations to come. Her efforts have cut red tape, saved time and money and, most importantly, provided critical services to those who have sacrificed for our Nation.

We recently found out that Ms. Woodhurst, due to family reasons, is going to retire as of this week, and I just want to extend to her a slogan that Winston Churchill said years ago when Great Britain was under attack. He said: There will be a time when doing your best isn't good enough. You have got to do what is required.

Melinda Woodhurst has done what is required to serve her community, her State, her country, and more importantly, her God.

On behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of South Carolina, I extend my deepest appreciation for her tireless efforts and exemplary service for those who serve our Nation. I thank her and wish her Godspeed in her retirement.

SURVEILLANCE PRICING IN GROCERY STORES

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, families in our community are already struggling with rising grocery prices. It is shameful that companies like Kroger are price-gouging our residents with surveillance pricing.

As you can see here, companies are already collecting a tremendous amount of data and private information about our residents to create custom profiles about them. Now, with electronic labels and facial recognition technology, this information is being used in real time to charge us more at the grocery store.

Imagine if you were at the grocery store right now, and they charged you a higher price for an item because it used technology to determine that you were willing to pay more than the next person. Maybe it is hard to believe, but it is true. You look at this, and you can see that they are being very clear about the fact that they want to instantly change the price if it is hot

outside, if it is something that you, again, have been looking at online.

Now they are even adding the use of facial technology in grocery stores that not only raises serious concerns of privacy but also racial bias. We know that facial recognition technology discriminates against our Black and Brown neighbors. This is not just about discriminatory technology, Mr. Speaker. It is about corporate greed, and the CEOs are getting rich while working people struggle.

It is essential that we work together in this body to protect our communities and ban these practices. I ask my colleagues to please support my legislation to ban surveillance pricing, digital pricing in grocery stores. Come and see me. You need to stand with your residents, not these corporations.

Look at Walmart. Look at this: "If it's hot outside, we can raise the prices of water and ice cream." That is what we are talking about. We need to protect our residents. Please, again, support my legislation.

KEEPING FIREARMS SAFE

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, firearms are now the leading cause of death for children and teens in our country. I have talked to pediatricians. They are telling me every day that gun violence is just increasing. Every day, over 125 Americans are killed from gun violence and more than 200 people are shot and wounded.

These aren't just statistics, Mr. Speaker. These are human beings with lives and futures. They are our babies, our friends, our neighbors, our loved ones. Many of these deaths involve accidental discharge of a firearm, often by a child, including several tragic incidents in southeast Michigan.

Just last month, Mr. Speaker, in Oakland County, a 9-year-old was seriously injured after he was accidentally shot. First responders found the boy bleeding from the head and transported him to the local hospital.

This Gun Violence Awareness Month, let's do something to save lives. I am introducing the Safe Storage Saves Lives Act with Representatives DELAURO, FROST, and KELLY to reduce firearm deaths among our children.

This legislation mandates every firearm seller to include a gun lock or gun safety device every single time a gun is sold in the United States. Far too often, irresponsible gun owners fail to properly secure their weapons with tragic consequences, leading to accidental deaths, preventable suicides, school shootings, and other mass violence.

When used correctly, a gun lock makes it impossible for a gun to be fired. Look at this. This is \$4. This legislation is a commonsense solution that every Member of this body should support, every single one. Keeping firearms out of the hands of our children should not be a partisan issue, Mr. Speaker.

We must honor those who have already been killed with a lack of action

in this Chamber. Our communities deserve better. Our children deserve better.

HONORING MATTHEW FISHER

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of our dear neighbors in the 12th Congressional District. We worked over 3 years to present Matthew Fisher, a remarkable resident of my district, with the Purple Heart for his dedication and service to our country.

Matthew Fisher was born in Livonia and is a proud graduate of Stevenson High School. In 2004, Matthew answered the call to serve others by becoming a firefighter in one of our counties. In 2007, he made the decision to serve our Nation by joining the U.S. Army. He was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq from December 2007 to 2009. Unfortunately, he was there when a horrific bomb changed his life forever. It took us 3 years as a country to recognize his sacrifice.

Since his return, Mr. Fisher has continued to give back to our community. He currently serves as a mentor at the veterans court system in Redford Township, helping fellow veterans navigate their own paths and helping them heal.

He is a devoted husband to Kathryn and a proud father to stepson, Bankston, and also Sophia.

Please, Mr. Speaker, let's honor Matthew Fisher for his extraordinary service, again, as we honor him with the Purple Heart.

FLETC CELEBRATES 55 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, FLETC.

On July 1, FLETC will celebrate this monumental milestone at their headquarters in Brunswick, Georgia. FLETC's mission is to facilitate the training of Federal, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement officers, as well as international partners that are entrusted to enforce the laws, treaties, and regulations within the United States and abroad.

In the 1960s, studies revealed an urgent need for Federal law enforcement training by professional instructors using modern facilities and standardized course content.

For 55 years, FLETC has molded Federal law enforcement through high-quality, cost-effective, and standardized training programs.

Their programs have trained over 95 agencies and over 1 million graduates for our country. The academy's professional instruction and emphasis on practical applications provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed as Federal law enforcement officers.

Today, we celebrate FLETC's continued excellence and the achievements of its graduates.

CONGRATULATING U.S. MARSHAL DAVID LYONS
ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Marshal David Lyons from the Southern District of Georgia, who is retiring this June.

Marshal Lyons previously served as chief of police in Garden City, Georgia, a position he held for 16 years. While serving as Garden City police chief, Marshal Lyons was appointed to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and was elected to the Executive Board of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

Before his service as the Garden City police chief, Marshal Lyons served a combined 22 years in the United States Navy and Army.

In 2016, Marshal Lyons was selected as Chief of the Year by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police before retiring from Garden City in December of 2017.

These are only a handful of positions Marshal Lyons has held in our Nation's police force throughout his impressive career.

Today, we honor U.S. Marshal David Lyons for his lifelong service in ensuring the safety of Americans.

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RECOGNIZING JUSTIN THOMAS, JR.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Justin Thomas, Jr., a remarkable young man and proud Savannah native whose recent success and achievements have brought pride to the State of Georgia. As a graduate of Benedictine Military School in Savannah, Justin was a standout athlete who now plays center field for the Arkansas Razorbacks.

Justin and the Razorbacks posted an impressive 50-win season, earning a trip to the College World Series. Even though Arkansas came up short of the program's first national title, Thomas' relentless hitting in clutch moments stood out.

Justin was one of just two Razorbacks named to the all-tournament team, finishing the tournament with an impressive .571 batting average. His leadership, sportsmanship, and performance reflect the very best of what the city of Savannah stands for.

Today, we celebrate Justin's achievement and look forward to his next incredible successes both on and off the field.

RECOGNIZING JAMIE DUPREE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend and colleague, Jamie Dupree, as he celebrates his 45th anniversary of the day he first began working here on Capitol Hill. Time flies when you are having fun.

For Jamie, there has been no better place to work than right here in the Halls of Congress. Over the past four and a half decades, Jamie has built an exceptional career in broadcasting, delivering fair, clear, and hard-hitting reporting on the work of this institution.

For 32 years, Jamie reported for Cox Radio, becoming a senior Washington correspondent for Atlanta's WSB Radio and one of the most trusted sources of news on Capitol Hill.

In 2017, Jamie was diagnosed with dystonia, a rare condition that cost him his ability to speak. Even after that diagnosis, Jamie's dedication never wavered. Through technology and perseverance, he continued to provide bipartisan coverage that served as a window into Washington for people across the country.

Jamie has been honored with the Career Achievement Award for Distinguished Reporting on Congress from the Radio and Television Correspondents' Association and has been referred to as the most connected man in Washington, a reflection of his professionalism and integrity.

Today, we congratulate Jamie Dupree on 45 years of outstanding reporting and service to the American people.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION NEEDS TO HONOR ITS WORD ON FOOD AID

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 25th time to demand that the Trump administration restore funding for lifesaving food aid for malnourished children.

This is Plumpy'Nut. It is a fortified peanut paste that has saved millions of lives by getting safe nutrition to children in hard-to-reach places around the world. Until recently, this was being shipped by USAID to war-torn and famine-torn areas all over the world, saving lives under Democratic and Republican administrations, until the Trump administration dismantled USAID. As a result, children are starving around the world.

Here in the United States, the production lines that create this product are virtually shut down. Edesia Nutrition in my district in Rhode Island and Mana Nutrition in Georgia get all of their ingredients from U.S. farmers. This is all produced in the United States. When it is shipped around the world, it is shipped in boxes that say: "From the American People."

This is not just about saving lives, though this does save lives. It is also about strengthening America's standing in the world. When we pull back and stop providing food aid for starving kids around the world, our adversaries, particularly China, are happy to step into the void. They are doing so already.

Next week, we will celebrate the Fourth of July, a day when we reflect with pride on the Nation that we have always been and the values that we stand for. This year, let's reflect on those values of charity and leadership, those values that have, under Democratic and Republican administrations, guided our foreign policy.

Here is the thing: The Trump administration, while cutting off funding for ready-to-use therapeutic food, has also been insisting that it is just temporary and that the funding is going to come back. Elon Musk even put out a tweet where he named the factory in my district and said they are going to get their funding back. Marco Rubio repeatedly, including in front of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that funding for emergency food aid would be restored. They leaked a story to FOX News about how they were restoring food aid.

The money hasn't come yet, and this is still sitting in warehouses in Rhode Island instead of being shipped to the children who need it. It has been 6 months. What is taking so long?

What we need is for the Trump administration to not change its policy but to honor its word. They say that they are going to do this, so do it already.

I will continue to stand on the House floor every single day until they do. Restore the funding now.

GO AFTER CRIMINALS, NOT INNOCENT PEOPLE

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump and Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said that they would focus on deporting violent criminals and gang members, but that is not what they are doing.

I sit on the Committee on Homeland Security. Let me tell you the data and facts from the administration themselves.

More than 70 percent of the people detained or deported so far under the Trump administration have never been convicted of any crime. That is 200,000 people detained and deported who were not convicted of any crime.

They are deporting mothers and grandmothers, children with cancer, and employees of American companies, people just trying to make a living. They are not only deporting people who came here illegally. They are going after legal green card holders and asylum-seekers, locking them up with no due process. Students who had the gall to write an op-ed expressing their opinion on a political issue are being locked up for deportation.

It is all to meet the artificial quota of 3,000 per day set by Stephen Miller. He doesn't care whether the people he is deporting are criminals or not, clearly.

They deported a 4-year-old American citizen child with cancer whose parents had no criminal record, and we still don't know why.

We still haven't gotten answers about Andry Hernandez Romero, a gay makeup artist with no criminal record who legally sought asylum and who never even entered the country but was deported to a prison in El Salvador, a country that he is not even from.

This week, a landscaper, Narciso Barranco, with no criminal record was beaten in the streets by masked agents. His three sons are all United States marines.