

fund more boots on the ground, more deportations, and the critical border wall.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MIKE ROTKIN

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the life and the legacy of Mike Rotkin.

Mike was a tireless public servant, a principled activist, and a beloved educator in Santa Cruz.

As a professor at UCSC, he inspired generations of students to give back to their communities. As a leader, he served five terms as mayor and nearly 25 years on the city council, more than anyone in the history of Santa Cruz. Yet Mike's impact cannot be measured in titles nor terms.

He stood on picket lines, marched for civil rights, fought to save libraries, protected our coastline, and never stopped showing up for our neighbors. He did it all with civility and hard work. He was a competitor, but always compassionate and considerate. If you disagreed with him, he was never confrontational. Instead, he took the high road, worked hard, and always found common ground.

I was proud to have not just his political support, but I was also so pleased that I could call Mike a personal friend. Although we in the Santa Cruz community are moved by his loss, I stand here today, just as we stand together in Santa Cruz, inspired to serve by the legacy and the spirit of Mike Rotkin.

SUPPORTING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the EMS Counts Act, a bipartisan, commonsense solution to a critical and longstanding oversight in how we value our first responders.

Prior to serving in Congress, I spent decades as a volunteer firefighter and EMT. I recognize and value the commitment these individuals have to their communities.

Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics fails to count firefighter EMTs and firefighter paramedics as part of the EMS workforce, which skews the data, masks staffing shortages, complicates funding decisions, and hinders emergency preparedness.

Correcting outdated classifications is important because without an accurate count of the number of EMTs, paramedics, and other emergency service providers, it creates a challenge to adequately meet the health and safety needs of our communities.

Accurate workforce data is not just numbers. It is the foundation for equitable funding, targeted training, disaster responsiveness, and enhanced workplace safety. It empowers us to stand behind the men and women who respond to more than 22 million emergencies each year.

Mr. Speaker, passing the EMS Counts Act is a decisive step toward recognizing and strengthening this indispensable part of our public safety infrastructure. I urge my colleagues to join me in support.

HIGHLIGHTING THE VOICES OF OUR LOCAL FARMERS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the voices of our local farmers.

During a tour of Brown Family Farms and Produce, we met with fourth-generation farmer Patrick Brown, former United States Representative Eva Clayton, a group of local farmers, agricultural leaders, and advocates to discuss the future of farming in eastern North Carolina.

Brown Family Farms was established in 1865 and is a family-run operation rooted in rich tradition and innovation.

During the tour, we discussed the challenges farmers are facing and the importance of passing the farm bill. Our farmers deserve to be heard. Their voices must guide us to meet the needs of the American people.

WE NEED NUCLEAR POWER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, nuclear power is almost an untapped source from what it could be in this country. It is just under 20 percent of the power grid. Yet, when we are talking about trying to eliminate CO₂ to get our numbers down from 0.04 percent of CO₂, nuclear power presents one of the best ways we can accomplish that. Nuclear power also has a baseload power that you can rely on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week instead of waiting for the Sun to come up or for the wind to blow.

It is, indeed, something that needs to be embraced much more, but we all have other things to do. In just a couple years, imported uranium from Russia is going to be cut off. Therefore, 20 percent of our uranium stocks are going to go down when it is no longer being imported from Russia.

What does that mean for us? We need to get to mining in this country again. We need to produce it here in the USA. We need to get cracking on making uranium a useable part of our power grid because power is going to increase in its demand with data centers and

with California trying to electrify everything. We will need a heck of a lot more power, and nuclear power is going to be a very important component for baseload reliable power to do so.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Caribbean American Heritage Month, celebrating the culture, contributions, and history of Caribbean Americans in Michigan's 12th Congressional District and across the country.

Caribbean American Heritage Month, first recognized in 2005, was established after years of global efforts to uplift our Caribbean-American neighbors. Their vibrant culture and contributions to our country and throughout the 12th Congressional District has uplifted many of our communities.

The Caribbean communities in northwest Detroit, as well as in the city of Inkster and throughout western Wayne and Oakland County, have created powerful legacies through food, beauty businesses, fresh markets, and nonprofits working to care for our families and new immigrants.

Caribbean Community Services in my district, a nonprofit organization, has done an outstanding job in uplifting Caribbean history. Through their engaging events, Mr. Speaker, they have celebrated the rich cultural heritage of the Caribbean and its significant impact on our communities. Please join me in ensuring that our Caribbean-American neighbors throughout our country are recognized as we celebrate this month.

RECOGNIZING WTOC-TV IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

(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 recognize an outstanding team from Savannah, Georgia, the dedicated staff of WTOC-TV and congratulate them on their recent Emmy Award win at the 2025 Southeast Emmy Awards.

This remarkable team was honored with the award for best morning newscast in a smaller market, recognizing their exceptional coverage of Savannah's 200th Saint Patrick's Day celebration, a signature event in the city's history and culture.

WTOC-TV represents the very best in local journalism, combining heart, hustle, and hometown pride. Covering Savannah's Saint Patrick's Day is no small task. It is an all-hands-on-deck event that calls for early mornings, late nights, and unwavering dedication.

Everyone involved in that broadcast played a vital role. From producers and anchors to editors, photographers, and

technical staff, it was truly a team effort and it showed. These individuals displayed incredible skill in their respective professions, but also in communication and collaboration with each other.

WTOC's achievement stands as a shining example of professionalism, collaboration, and a deep commitment to fostering a well-informed community.

It is an honor to recognize and congratulate this team today.

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WILMINGTON POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

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

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, last week I had the privilege of visiting the Wilmington Police Athletic League, a place where community and opportunity are shaping the next generation of Delawareans.

For 23 years, the Wilmington PAL has served as a safe haven for young people in Wilmington and New Castle County, supporting more than 42,000 youth with after-school programming, summer enrichment, and early childhood education.

Their mission, "building brighter futures, engaging with public safety and empowering families" is more than a slogan. It is a daily practice. Through their work, the Wilmington PAL supports children from infancy through high school, ensuring every child they serve has the tools to grow, thrive, and contribute to our State of neighbors. Recently, they expanded their work to support seniors in Delaware.

Organizations like the Wilmington PAL remind us that public safety and public opportunity go hand in hand. I am proud to stand with them, and I will keep working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to expand the resources that make their mission possible.

WAR SURVIVOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great honor to recognize War Survivor Remembrance Day.

From 1941 to 1944, Imperial Japanese soldiers occupied Guam and forced our ancestors through hardship and unspeakable violence that has left scars long after the war. In the face of darkness, it was our people's quiet resistance and sense of community that enabled us to survive.

I thank our Greatest Generation for preserving and rebuilding our community on the foundation of family and cultural virtues. Words will never fully

capture the severity or intensity of their experience, but know our gratitude is immense.

As we honor this day, let us not dwell on the horrors of war, but rather celebrate the unwavering spirit and strength of the generation that carried our people through a truly difficult time. May this inspire future generations to do the same in the face of unspeakable hardship.

OUR DESTINIES ARE TIED

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the traumatic loss of life around the world and to reaffirm a simple truth: Our destinies are tied.

Too often, in moments of crisis, we are bombarded with abstract numbers and detached headlines describing casualties and missiles, but behind every number is a name. Behind every headline is a story: a story of a little girl whispering prayers beneath her blanket hoping the night sky stays quiet or a story of a father digging through rubble, his hands bloodied, desperately searching for his wife and child.

Nations are not just governments and regimes. They are people. They are mothers, sons, teachers, taxi drivers, people whose stories echo our own because they are us. No matter where someone is born or what language they speak, our grief over losing a loved one is the same.

We are bound together by that shared humanity, so we must be relentless in our commitment to peace: peace rooted in diplomacy, peace that is sustained with dialogue, and peace that insists, without exception, that every single life matters.

From Boston to the Middle East, our destinies are tied, and everyone deserves to live free from fear and know peace.

CUTS TO PELL GRANTS

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, on May 22, House Republicans passed their budget bill, which would make major cuts to the Pell Grant program in order to finance tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy. This will be one of the largest transfers of multigenerational wealth in the history of the country.

Pell grants are awarded to help low-income students afford the cost of higher education so that they can focus on their coursework. Republican changes would force students with disabilities, students with jobs, and primary caregivers to increase their course load or risk losing their Pell grant awards.

Over 5,000 students in the district I represent in northern California receive Pell grants. A study by the Cen-

ter for Economic and Policy Research found that the average income in a community rises by 2½ percent for every 1 percent increase in Pell grants.

We should focus on making education more accessible and doubling the maximum Pell grant, not cutting off support for students who need it the most for people who need support the least.

HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY TO RAMON LUIS RIVERA

(Mr. HERNÁNDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ramon Luis Rivera on his remarkable 96th birthday.

Ramon Luis was the transformative mayor of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, from 1976 to 2000. A member of my opposition party, he won the hearts of voters across party lines as he led his city for nearly three decades.

I offer my congratulations to the mayor.

Mr. Speaker, I will speak in Spanish very briefly, for ease of my constituents.

(Spanish translation of the statement made in English is as follows:)

Hoy, me paro aquí para honrar la vida de Ramón Luis Rivera padre en su cumpleaños número 96. Ramón Luis Rivera fue el alcalde transformador de Bayamón, Puerto Rico, desde 1976 hasta el 2000. Un miembro del partido de oposición al mío, se ganó el corazón de electores y constituyentes más allá de líneas partidistas mientras conducía los destinos de su ciudad por alrededor de tres décadas.

Felicidades, señor alcalde.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Puerto Rico will provide a translation to the Chair.

JEREMY AND ANGEL SEAY AND SERGEANT BRANDON MENDOZA PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM DUIS ACT OF 2025

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 530, I call up the bill (H.R. 875) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 530, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 875

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Jeremy and Angel Seay and Sergeant Brandon Mendoza