

good hands with Nichole Mehling at the helm.

Jim led with integrity, vision, and compassion. I wish him and his wife, Heidi, a well-deserved, adventure-filled retirement.

#### AMERICA IN DECLINE UNDER REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC POLICIES

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, under the economic policies of Donald Trump and Republicans, America is now in decline. For the first time in 3 years, we have negative GDP growth. That means our economy actually shrank this year.

It takes a special kind of stupid to take 12 consecutive quarters of positive economic growth and make it go negative. We also know inflation has increased, and Trump Republicans want to make it worse. They want to pass the big, ugly bill that is going to cut off healthcare for over 16 million Americans, all in service of massive tax breaks to billionaires.

Tell them to take their heads out of the sand and stop harming the American people. Trump and Republicans should be working for the American people, not for billionaires.

#### REMEMBERING JOHN W. GROTKE

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to the extraordinary life and dedicated service of John W. Grotke, a proud resident of Eden, New York, who recently passed away on June 19, 2025.

John proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, where he dedicated several years of his life to upholding the values of honor, courage, and commitment. During his time in uniform, his service exemplified a deep sense of patriotism and dedication to our country.

After serving in the military, John also served as the commander of the Hamburg American Legion Post 527, where he played a leading role as a voice for the organization and representing his members effectively. He devoted his time advocating for veterans in the community and ensuring their families receive the care they deeply deserve.

John was not only an exemplary marine but a strong leader and wonderful husband, father, and friend. He was the beloved husband of Karen Grotke; loving father of Matthew, Keith, Gregory, and Joshua; and the cherished grandfather of six grandchildren.

John W. Grotke leaves behind a legacy of service and unwavering dedication to his community and his country. His accomplishments and leadership

leave a lasting impact and set a gold standard that will continue to inspire generations to come.

The western New York community was blessed to have such a remarkable resident. May he rest in peace.

#### CLOSURE OF QUARTZ HILL POST OFFICE

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

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm on the impending closure of the Quartz Hill Post Office and who knows how many other contract postal units across the country.

On June 1, Stan Boylan, a veteran and the owner of the Quartz Hill Post Office, received a written termination notice informing him that his post office was scheduled to close.

My family loves the Quartz Hill Post Office. My wife was devastated to hear this news. We are not alone. It has been a staple of our community for over 70 years and services tens of thousands of my constituents.

I say we do not know the scale of closures because, even after I submitted an inquiry to the Acting Postmaster General, we have not yet been given a straight answer. What we do know is that the White House has been trying to absorb this historically independent agency and has given DOGE the green light to cut USPS staff and gut services.

Let me be clear. The United States Postal Service does not use taxpayers dollars for operating costs. Reducing post office locations will lead to slower service, longer wait times, and delays in receiving packages, medications, and other necessary deliveries.

I urge the Postmaster General to reverse the decision to terminate the Quartz Hill Post Office contract.

#### NO TAX DOLLARS FOR RIOTS ACT

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, this week I am introducing the No Tax Dollars for Riots Act, a bill that will assure that public funding is not used to create the sort of horrifying scenes that we just witnessed in Los Angeles.

In the wake of the L.A. riots, we have learned that a group claiming nonprofit status known as CHIRLA received \$34 million in State funding and some Federal funding, as well. This group played a central role in organizing the riots, providing real-time locations to the rioters of where Federal officers could be found. Several of these Federal officers were subsequently assaulted with bricks and Molotov cocktails.

My bill will assure that an organization like this, whose officers are con-

victed of assaulting, resisting, or impeding Federal officers, or of organizing, promoting, encouraging, participating in, or carrying on a riot under sections 111 or 2101 of title 18 of the U.S. Code loses their nonprofit status and is ineligible for Federal funding going forward.

This is a commonsense step that will prevent the sort of lawlessness that we saw in Los Angeles from reappearing in our State or elsewhere in the country.

#### STUDENT VISA PROCESS

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to talk about an issue that is hurting our country that we aren't talking about enough, and that is the uncertainty of this administration's student visa process.

We have students doing groundbreaking research that are being forced to leave the country, students that last academic year contributed \$43 billion to the U.S. economy. The administration is trying to prevent institutions from enrolling top international students altogether.

The United States has welcomed international students for decades. Some of them include world leaders, founders of billion-dollar companies here, and over 40 percent of the founders of the American leading AI companies, just as a few examples.

We are shooting ourselves in the foot. Instead, why don't we go back to being a place that welcomes students to dream big and conduct groundbreaking research no matter where they are coming from?

Why don't we become a place that unites people of all backgrounds and welcomes the best and brightest? That is something that makes our country great.

#### TRINE UNIVERSITY 2025 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Angola, Indiana's, Trine University women's softball team on winning the 2025 NCAA Division III softball championship. Under the leadership of head coach Donnie Danklefsen, the Thunder gave the championship game their all.

This game was a nail-biter, as the team was down by one run throughout most of the game. On top of that, the team's star pitcher, Alexis Michon, pitched the entire game despite an injury early on.

Even with this adversity, the team rallied together and kept their determination to win. Everything turned around for the Thunder in the sixth inning when Emma Lee crushed a three-

run homer and this team sailed to a 3-1 victory.

Trine University women's softball has continued to make Indiana's Third District proud, as this is their second national title in 3 years. Their perfect post-season is a testament to the hard work and talent of this team.

These women have set an example for all of us as to the achievements that are possible with unwavering dedication and strong leadership.

To the 2025 Trine University softball team, congratulations on this monumental accomplishment. I know each of you will continue to pursue excellence and set an example for others.

#### RECOGNIZING SISTER TERESA LYNCH

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sister Teresa Lynch, who will be retiring from Santa Ana's Saint Anne School.

She served as a teacher for 31 years and principal for 19 years at Saint Genevieve and Saint Anne School. She also worked to improve the lives of incarcerated prisoners at the California Institute for Women in Chino, California. She also co-directed the Get on the Bus program that connected children with their incarcerated parents.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Sister Teresa for showing us all what it means to care for the community. I thank her for her friendship.

I congratulate Sister Teresa on her retirement. I suspect now, as a retiree, she will be busier than ever.

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#### CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

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

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of National Dairy Month and to honor the hardworking dairy farmers of California, our Nation's leading dairy producer.

In my district, which encompasses Tulare, Fresno, Kings, and Kern Counties, we are proud to be the epicenter of dairy production. Tulare County alone holds the title of the largest dairy-producing county in America. It is home to 500,000 dairy cows, 222 dairies, and some of the largest dairy-processing plants.

Most of these dairies are family-owned enterprises. I myself personally know the effort it takes to operate these family businesses. I am proud of the legacy of my own family members who are in the dairy industry and who brought their farms to the Central Valley.

Even our region's large-scale operations remain rooted in family tradi-

tions, reflecting the dedication and perseverance of our agricultural communities.

Together, these dairies contribute one-fifth of our Nation's milk supply, producing everything from butter to ice cream, nourishing families and bringing joy to countless households across America.

To our dairy farmers, I thank them for their tireless efforts to feed our Nation. Their work sustains us, and it is an honor to stand in their corner.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MARZIE THOMAS

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Ms. Marzie Thomas. Ms. Thomas served as my district director in my Memphis office since 2013.

She came to my office first in 2007. She was an outstanding human being who cared about everybody that came into her office and who needed constituent services. She was a special person in Memphis because she represented what people in Memphis do, who are really good people and who care about others.

She cared about her family, Alonzo Thomas, her husband who passed away in 2024; her two children; her grandchild; and her sister who survives her.

She cared about her church, East Trigg Baptist Church, a famous church where the Reverend Brewster was known for his gospel songs that he wrote and sang. She was in the choir and had a beautiful voice. She was very dedicated to her church and Pastor Beasley.

She was concerned about our country, serving for a long time in my office. She was just a wonderful person. She was a great friend to me. She cared about me greatly, and I miss her much. She had a life well-lived, and I was thankful and fortunate to have her work with me in the office.

#### ADDRESSING IMMIGRATION INEFFICIENCIES

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, just days ago, a Hawaii veteran, Sae Joon Park, said goodbye to his family which included his elderly mother with dementia, his two adult children, and his home.

Mr. Park was shot twice in combat, earning a Purple Heart for his bravery. Yet despite his sacrifice, ICE officers gave him no choice but to deport himself back to South Korea after nearly 50 years.

Mr. Park served. He fought. He belonged. Yes, he made mistakes, as many veterans struggling with PTSD do, but he turned his life around. That

is the reality for many veterans. They fight hard for this country and still face battles back home and, too often, alone.

Republicans are now pushing a funding bill that would abandon even more veterans like Mr. Park. It shifts critical care from the VA to private corporations and makes it harder for women and immigrant veterans to get the services they need.

This bill isn't efficiency. It is cruelty. I will not stand by while Republicans turn our veterans into bargaining chips.

When we fail our veterans, we are not just breaking a promise. We are breaking our people.

#### FIGHTING FOR LGBTQ RIGHTS

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago today, our Nation made a remarkable step toward equality with the legalization of gay marriage. This was a day that came after decades of advocacy by individuals and organizations across the country, including Garden State Equality in my home State of New Jersey.

The rights of our friends and neighbors are under continuous attack from the Trump administration including by cutting HIV treatment and prevention and rolling back antidiscrimination protections.

More than 1.3 million Americans have sought lifesaving help by making the call to 988. Yet this administration has eliminated funding for those specialized services. These are blatant attempts to harm the LGBTQ community that has already overcome so much and made incredible strides towards equality.

It is here in this Chamber that we should be standing beside them and fighting for them. When we are elected here to serve here in the people's House, it is our obligation to fight for everyone that we have the privilege of representing.

Mr. Speaker, that is what I will always do and what I urge my colleagues across the aisle to do, as well.

#### STOP BATHING IN FOLKLORE AND START BATHING IN MATH

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. SCHWEIKERT of Arizona was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, we are having a really exciting discussion with my buddy of how CBO actually does scoring on things. I was trying to explain that some of the things we consider absurd are actually our fault because it is the law that we have passed to tell CBO how to do the scoring.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make an apology to everyone because this one will