

CONGRATULATING KENDALL
PIERSON

(Mr. CORREA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight my young neighbor, Kendall Pierson, who just graduated summa cum laude, which means really good grades, from Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana.

Kendall was a member of the National Honor Society, the California Scholarship Foundation, and the National Art Honor Society. She was a dedicated member of her high school's basketball team that finished seventh in the Nation.

Outside the classroom, Kendall volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House and supported the Deaf Mass in Orange County. Clearly, Kendall is a role model to all of us.

Kendall will be attending the University of Utah this fall to study business. We are going to miss her, but I know, and her Grandma Catherine knows, that she is going to be back after she finishes at the University of Utah.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Kendall on her graduation.

CELEBRATING CONSUL AUDREY RIVERA

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the incredible service of Dr. Audrey Rivera Gomez, head consul of the Mexican Consulate in Santa Ana.

For years, she has served the Mexican community in southern California. Under her leadership, the consulate has promoted educational, cultural, and preventive programs to keep young people from being addicted to fentanyl.

Dr. Rivera Gomez has supported countless Mexican women entrepreneurs and Mexican immigrant-owned businesses. She won Woman of the Year 2025 for her dedication to the immigrant community.

Madam Speaker, we are going to miss her in Santa Ana, but we know at her next post she will continue to be successful.

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HONORING RICK WHITTINGTON

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Rick Whittington and his valuable service to our community and our Nation.

Mr. Whittington was a U.S. Navy veteran and served as a member of the Seabees during the Vietnam war. He made honorable contributions to the fight as a member of a construction unit, and he never forgot the dark moments of the Vietnam war.

In fact, when he returned home from Vietnam, he was one of those individuals who was harassed by the anti-Vietnam war protesters. Yet, he kept his resolve and always remembered the pride of serving America.

Mr. Whittington is most proud of the work he has done as a civilian helping our Nation safely dispose of nuclear waste through his innovative products.

I thank Mr. Whittington for his service and his contribution to our community.

RECOGNIZING JIM OREGEL

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend and fellow Anaheim High School alumnus, Jimmy Oregel, for a life of dedication to the city of Anaheim and to Anaheim High School.

At St. Boniface, where we both attend, he helped found the Orange County Congregation Community.

We are both diehard Anaheim High School football fans, and at Anaheim, he served as a sports team manager. Upon graduation, Jimmy joined the football booster club and took over as president in 1976, and he has held that position.

Jimmy was inducted into the Anaheim High School Hall of Fame in 2008. Please join me in recognizing Jimmy's life of service to Anaheim High School and to the city of Anaheim community.

GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICA HAS
ARRIVED

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the importance of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act that President Trump signed into law on July Fourth.

President Trump's America First policy is widely popular with the American public, and the big, beautiful bill took historic steps to enact this agenda into law. Unleashing American energy, further supporting our Border Patrol and ICE agents, and ensuring that working-class Americans keep more money in their pockets are common-sense policies that my constituents overwhelmingly support. I am proud to have helped deliver on this agenda.

Now, with this legislation finally signed into law by President Trump, Main Street businesses will be able to expand, and working-class Americans will take more money home in each paycheck. The golden age of America has arrived.

POLITICAL VIOLENCE IS NOT THE ANSWER

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this past weekend marked 1 year since the attempt on President Trump's life in Butler County, Pennsylvania. While we thank God that President Trump's life was not taken, we mourn the loss of an innocent father, firefighter, and proud Pennsylvanian, Corey Comperatore.

Political violence of any kind has absolutely no place in our society. Yet, the violent rhetoric coming from my colleagues across the aisle has not stopped. Now, a year after the assassination attempt on President Trump's life, they have turned their violent action toward our courageous ICE agents, who work every day to protect our communities.

The political violence that we are seeing in our society today will not stop unless the violent rhetoric stops. One life lost to political violence is one too many.

I ask my colleagues to remember that, regardless of our political beliefs, violence is never the answer to our Nation's problems.

RECOGNIZING PENNSYLVANIA ENERGY AND
INNOVATION SUMMIT

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this week, President Trump will join Senator DAVE McCORMICK in Pittsburgh for the inaugural Pennsylvania Energy and Innovation Summit.

As President Trump returns our Nation to energy dominance and forges ahead in the race to dominate artificial intelligence, Pennsylvania stands ready to meet the energy needs that AI creates. This summit is huge. It is huge for the Commonwealth, for Pennsylvania, and for America.

Under the Trump administration, we have already seen historic investments in the Pennsylvania economy, including the Nippon and U.S. Steel merger and Amazon's \$20 billion investment in building data centers in the Commonwealth.

Now is the time to build on this momentum to ensure that Pennsylvania is the hub of AI development throughout this great land.

HONORING RITCHEY'S DAIRY

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a family-owned and operated dairy business in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, that has been a cornerstone of the dairy industry in Blair County for 85 years.

Ritchey's Dairy was founded by Oliver Ritchey in 1940 just outside of Martinsburg in Blair County. With the help of his son, Paul, and his grandson, Reid, Oliver expanded operations and delivery routes throughout the ensuing decades, offering all types of milk to the local community.

Ritchey's Dairy even made history when it became the first dairy in the area to transport milk purchased from other local farms in a tanker truck.

In 1986, Reid Ritchey oversaw an expansion of the facility, which accommodated a new ice cream production room, additional freezer space, and new offices. Now, as the fourth generation of Ritchey's takes over, Reid's son, Andrew, has continued to expand the operation.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Ritchey's Dairy on the 85th anniversary of its founding and its proud continuation of the dairy industry in Blair County, Pennsylvania.

HONORING VETERANS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
ARMED FORCES DAY

(Mr. TRAN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. TRAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Honoring Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day, or Ngay Quan Luc.

Even 50 years after the Fall of Saigon, the legacy of the Republic of Vietnam forces lives on. We honor the soldiers of the Republic of Vietnam and the American soldiers who fought side by side for the ideals of freedom and democracy.

Madam Speaker, 250,000 members of the South Vietnamese Armed Forces and more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces gave their lives for these ideals.

As the first Vietnamese American to represent Orange County's Little Saigon community in Congress, I am humbled by the responsibility to carry this history forward. I am proud to introduce a congressional resolution to honor this day and ensure that our history can never be rewritten.

HONORING VERNON LEE JUMPER

Mr. TRAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Vernon Jumper.

After moving to Los Angeles with his family, Vern enlisted in the Navy in San Diego in 1951. Mr. Jumper became part of the air wing of the USS *Midway* and conducted about 100 combat missions in Vietnam beginning in the mid-1960s.

Vern was instrumental in saving over 3,000 Americans and South Vietnamese refugees as air boss of the USS *Midway* during Operation Frequent Wind. He oversaw all flight operations on deck and within a 5-mile radius of the ship, guiding evacuation helicopters onto the aircraft carrier's deck as Saigon fell in April 1975.

Jumper is remembered for his incredible bravery during those harrowing 30 hours, especially when he arranged for helicopters to be pushed off the ship into the sea to make room for a tiny plane carrying a South Vietnamese Air Force pilot and his six family members.

Vern exemplified what it means to be an American soldier, with his courage only matched by his humility.

Vernon Jumper's legacy will live on for all who knew and loved him and for the thousands of Vietnamese Americans whose lives he helped save.

Our entire country owes Vern a debt of gratitude. May he rest in peace.

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HONORING MATT HARDING

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matt Harding, a dedicated physics teacher at Liberty High School in Iowa City and one of five Iowa finalists for the 2025 Presidential Awards in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the highest honor in his field.

Mr. Harding exemplifies Iowa's deep-rooted commitment to academic excel-

lence. His passion for science and education has inspired countless students, and his influence reaches far beyond the classroom. He invests in every student's success, helping to build not just stronger minds, but a stronger community.

As the proud Representative of Iowa's First District, I am honored to recognize individuals like Mr. Harding, educators who go above and beyond to prepare the next generation for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

His well-earned recognition is a reminder that great teachers do more than teach; they shape the future of our Nation. I thank Mr. Harding for his extraordinary service to Iowa's students and congratulate him on this outstanding achievement.

REMEMBERING MARIN MICHAEL ROSE

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Iowa National Guard Specialist Marin Michael Rose, a young man who, at just 19 years old, represented the very best of Iowa and the very best of our Nation.

Specialist Rose joined the Iowa Army National Guard in 2023 and served with the 1133rd Transportation Company based out of Iowa City. He was a transportation driver, a student at Southeastern Community College, and a beloved son, brother, and friend.

Marin was known for his work ethic, his positive spirit, and his deep commitment to his fellow soldiers. Whether he was studying gaming on his PS5 or chasing the next big storm, Marin brought light and energy to those around him.

As a 24-year Army veteran, I know what it means to wear the uniform and to serve with heart. Marin did just that. His smile, his hugs, and his unwavering kindness will never be forgotten.

May God bless the Rose family, and may we always remember Specialist Marin Rose for the joy he brought and the service he gave.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend the warmest of birthday greetings to the youngest of my seven siblings. Happy birthday, Mari Eleanor.

Madam Speaker, I would like to wish my brother-in-law, Ralph Martino, a very happy birthday. Happy birthday, Ralph.

REMEMBERING JANIE HUNT

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart.

On May 8, 2016, God sent an angel to this Earth. He blessed my extended family in Dallas, Texas, with a beautiful little girl, Janie, who lit up this world with her infectious smile, compassion, and love for everyone who was lucky enough to meet her. I was one of those lucky people who got to know and love Janie Hunt, my daughter-in-law's niece.

Being from the South and part of a close-knit family, we have a tradition of gathering for Lowcountry boils. I got to know Janie at these large family events, which she loved, enjoying good food with her many cousins, who adored her.

Janie loved life, and she loved people. She loved school. She loved telling jokes. She loved church and learning about her Christian heritage and faith. She demonstrated a keen intellect and mastered many disciplines beyond her years. She was adventurous, kind, and charitable. She never wanted anyone to feel left out and was always thinking of how to make people laugh.

Knowing this about Janie, you can imagine her excitement when she learned that she would get to go to Camp Mystic this summer for the very first time, along with five of her cousins, for a summer of fun, faith, and family. Sadly, tragedy struck instead.

Jane Marie Hunt, age 9, passed away and into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior during the catastrophic flash flood that befell Camp Mystic in Hunt, Texas, in the early morning hours of July 4, 2025.

Her talents were many, from artistry and acting to athletics and mathematics. Her teachers called her a model student. Even as an 8-year-old, she was designated talented and gifted in mathematics and then in explorations, for her invention of a pinball game. She excelled on her basketball team, with her steals and fast breaks.

She loved her Girl Scout troop and was so excited to start selling cookies in third grade. She performed in ballet recitals and shined as Scuttle in a musical production of "The Little Mermaid" in 2024.

She was always teaching her family new math tricks she had learned. She invented many new traditions for holidays such as themed meals and scavenger hunts. I am certain those traditions will continue in Janie's honor.

She aspired to be an artist when she grew up. One of her artistic creations was the only selection from her class in the exhibition at the Highland Park Independent School District 2025 Art Show.

Janie was honored as the first Golden Art Star in 2024 at Hyer Elementary and won the Gold Youth Design Award at the 2022 Dallas Garden Club Flower Show.

As I mentioned earlier, faith was very important to Janie. Janie was baptized at Highland Park Presbyterian Church, where she grew up attending Sunday school, singing in the children's choir, and participating in several weekly Bible studies.

She cherished her church experiences and practiced her faith in everything she did, always defending others who were being mistreated and providing sympathy to other children who needed encouragement. Janie made it her life's mission to make everyone around her as happy as she was.

In her 5 days at Camp Mystic before the flood, she had already become