

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Ben Chapman, who passed away on July 2, 2025.

Mr. Chapman was a well-known figure in Georgia's First Congressional District, as he was a respected businessowner in Savannah, Vidalia, and the Richmond Hill areas.

After graduating from the University of Georgia—go Dawgs—Mr. Chapman founded the Richmond Hill Pharmacy with the motto: "It's like having a pharmacist in the family."

Since then, his locally owned business has grown and moved locations to expand its services to include diabetic and asthma care, blood pressure monitoring, compounding, and a gift shop. The pharmacy is known for its commitment to customer service and community focus.

Overall, Mr. Chapman is remembered for his generous spirit, wry sense of humor, keen insight, and love of all things mechanical. In fact, one of his favorite pastimes was tinkering on engines, along with pulling weeds, long conversations on the front porch, kayaking, eating hearty meals, and rescuing animals, like Charlie the dog and Gus the goose.

Mr. Chapman was also known for his work ethic and perseverance despite the challenges faced as a polio survivor.

Today, I ask that we all take a moment to remember Ben Chapman and his contributions to his local community.

SPEAKING OUT FOR OREGONIANS

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

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, it has been 6 months since I was sworn in to serve Oregon's Fifth Congressional District. Since then, we have seen the programs we rely on cut, costs rise, and the needs of the American people ignored.

That is why I always encourage Oregonians to call my office and make their voices heard. I have heard from over 50,000 Oregonians, taken over 120 constituent meetings, and held 10 townhalls, including 6 as part of my "Give 'em Hell" tour.

The stories I hear help me elevate the issues in our district and fight back, including with these floor speeches, or as I call them, protest speeches. Today is my 22nd one where I have shared constituent stories to help defend SNAP, Social Security, Medicare, and more, and call out my Republican colleagues.

I hope Oregonians will keep sharing their stories with me, and I will keep amplifying them. We have to keep the pressure on my Republican colleagues and President Trump by winning in the court of public opinion.

KEEPING MEDICAID STRONG

(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, there has been a lot of talk, just flat-out deception—you can even call it lies—about the big, beautiful bill and that we would be cutting aid to mothers, kids, seniors, and people with disabilities.

That is just flat wrong. That is a deception being pulled on the American people to get them to panic about us trying to take corrective action on our massive Federal deficit and set things on a good course for all Americans.

We are making sure that Medicaid stays strong for the people who truly count on it. In my home State of California, for example, Governor Newsom and the State legislature have stretched Medicaid way beyond intention and even sustainability.

In California, it is called Medi-Cal. It had run an additional \$12 billion worth of deficit on the State budget because they want to hand it out to illegal immigrants in our home State. That is the effect on our State budget, \$12 billion in the hole. They wanted to raise taxes to fix that.

Also, by waiving work requirements for able-bodied adults who choose not to work, it drains resources from people who are actually the intended recipients of the program.

With this new law, we are cutting waste, fraud, and red tape so States can zero in on helping people actually qualified, as designed. We are putting billions into long-term care, which means more care at home for people or keeping them close by.

Don't buy the lies. This Medicaid package is going to be helpful long term.

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ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, today President Trump announced that the U.S. will provide NATO allies with weapons to send to Ukraine. Finally. This is welcome news, but it comes 6 months late.

Wasn't it candidate Trump who promised to end this war on day one? How many Ukrainian lives might have been saved if he had kept that promise?

President Trump also announced that Putin has 50 days to agree to a cease-fire or face "very severe tariffs."

On May 28, the President gave Putin 2 weeks to show a willingness to end the war in Ukraine. That was 6 weeks ago. Now the deadline has been extended. The future of Ukraine and its people hangs in the balance.

Actions speak louder than words. Ukraine has been subjected to tariffs.

Russia has not. It is time this administration stood up to Putin with the same level of rhetoric used to insult Canada and Denmark. We can't afford any more of these deadlines that keep getting pushed and hollow threats. Months ago, we called on this government to side with the victim, Ukraine. Let's back it up with deeds.

EVENTS IN MILWAUKEE

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is nice to be back in Congress after a little break being home. We look at the news back home, and in Milwaukee we had another tragedy. For the fourth time this year, a city of Milwaukee police officer was shot. This time, sadly, it was fatal. When Officer Kendall Corder was killed, we suffered another savage murder in Milwaukee.

When I was a child, Milwaukee was the safest of the 25 biggest cities in this country. We have gone a long way from that. I hope this House addresses the root causes of why we have so much more crime in our major cities than we did 25 years ago.

Also while I was at home, I ran into somebody who is in a low-income housing unit that receives the low-income housing tax credits. This person was being asked to confirm that they did not get any raise in the last year.

This is a horrible program. It is an embarrassment. The Republicans extended it in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and I hope we immediately do something to stop this program, which discourages people from working and improving their lives.

BRIGADIER GENERAL DONALD WAYNE HANSEN CELEBRATES 92ND BIRTHDAY

(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 today to honor Brigadier General Donald Wayne Hansen, who recently celebrated his 92nd birthday. This milestone marks a lifetime of extraordinary military service and leadership.

General Hansen's nearly three-decade career began commissioning as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. During the Vietnam war, he served as an assistant staff judge advocate for the 1st Infantry Division, the legendary Big Red One, and later as a staff judge advocate for the U.S. Army Support Command in Saigon.

In 1985, he was appointed assistant judge advocate general of the U.S. Army, capping a distinguished career characterized by integrity, valor, and commitment to military justice.

I celebrate not only General Hansen's 92nd birthday but also his enduring legacy of patriotism and exemplary service that continues to inspire our Nation.

I thank him and wish him a happy birthday.

WELCOMING HOME EDAN ALEXANDER

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

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the safe return of New Jersey native Edan Alexander. This was a moment of profound relief and gratitude for his family, our community, and our Nation.

My constituent Edan Alexander, from Tenafly, New Jersey, is an all-American kid who graduated from Tenafly High School and swam on the swim team. He could be anyone's son.

After being kidnapped by Hamas terrorists on October 7 and held for 584 days, I am thrilled to announce that Edan has finally come home.

Through it all, the strength of the Alexander family and the New Jersey community has been a guiding light in an incredibly dark period. The family never gave up hope and neither did we.

We must not rest until every last hostage is returned, including the remains of the two Americans who were murdered by Hamas terrorists.

In America and New Jersey, we never leave anyone behind.

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UNFAIR TARIFFS ON CANADA

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, as more Trump administration tariff news broke, heading into this past weekend, I rise to ask a genuine question: Why is the Trump administration doing this ying-yang again?

President Trump's latest 35 percent tariff threat against Canada is pure economic malpractice. It is reckless, rushed, and devastating to firms and working families across Ohio.

Canada is Ohio's largest trading partner. Over 100,000 jobs in Ohio depend on trade with Canada. Our State exports \$21 billion in goods annually to our neighbor to the North, our largest fair-trade partner.

From Toledo Jeep and General Motors to the parts manufacturers in Sandusky, Lorain, and Defiance, these aren't just numbers. These are paychecks, pensions, and livelihoods.

The last time this administration tried tariff stunts, \$6 trillion in U.S. wealth vanished in days. Workers were laid off, and Ohio is already among the top 10 States experiencing rising unemployment. We have all seen Trump chicken out before, and maybe Taco Tuesday will come again soon.

Mr. Speaker, people in my region want a job they can count on. They don't want ying-yang on U.S. trade and tariff policy. Let's get back to normal.

CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF THE EPSTEIN FILES

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I introduced today an amendment demanding the full release of the Epstein files. The Speaker's Rules Committee should demand a vote tomorrow of every Member of Congress. Yes, we should release it or, no, we should not.

This is a question of: Whose side are we on? Are we on the side of protecting the rich and the powerful who have put their thumb on the scales of government to suck out millions of dollars, while working-class Americans suffer, or are we on the side of the people?

The Attorney General said on her desk was the Epstein file. Now she is saying: No, no, nothing to see. Don't release it.

This is a question of trust. We need to release the Epstein files so we can restore government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Every Member of Congress tomorrow should be forced to vote on this amendment.

BRINGING FAIRNESS BACK TO GAMING TAXATION

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge passage of my FAIR BET Act. The Republican's Triple B overturned a half-century tax provision that allowed gamblers to deduct 100 percent of their losses from their winnings. Accordingly, because that has been eliminated, gamblers now will be required to pay taxes on money they haven't earned.

My FAIR BET Act would undo the Senate mistake by keeping the 100 percent loss policy in place. This will ensure that gamblers don't have to pay taxes on phantom income and are not lured to offshore and unregulated markets.

My legislation has bipartisan support because Members on both sides understand that this is not ideological. It is just fair, good tax policy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to bet on the come, and pass the FAIR BET Act.

HONORING MILES JORDAN ALEXANDER

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

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy

heart to honor Mr. Miles Jordan Alexander, an Atlanta legal giant whose life embodied the fight for justice and equality.

From advocating for racial integration as a student at Emory University to mentoring generations of diverse attorneys to even infiltrating a Klan meeting under the name Miles Jordan as a spy, he broke barriers and built bridges, all while playing every game of tennis he possibly could.

His commitment to civil rights, to civic engagement, and to the Jewish community created a ripple effect that helped shape a more inclusive and equitable Atlanta.

A devoted father and husband, Miles Alexander shared more than 70 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Elaine, and raised four children with unwavering love and intention. He often spoke of his family as his proudest accomplishment.

We are told throughout our lives to leave this world better than we found it. Miles Alexander did exactly that. It is one of the great pleasures of my life to have been a beneficiary of his commitment to justice and to have known him.

As I mourn with the Alexander family, it is my honor to celebrate the legacy of courageous service of Mr. Miles Jordan Alexander in the U.S. House of Representatives.

SUPPORTING FEMA AND NOAA

(Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to stress the urgent need to fully fund and staff our Nation's critical weather and recovery services amid the devastating natural disasters ravaging our country.

In May, Mountain, Maryland, in my district was hit by historic flooding. Within minutes, water levels rose to over 12 feet. Hundreds were evacuated from their schools by boat. Lives were saved because of the early alarm systems and the expertise of the first responders. Hundreds of students would have been walking home, otherwise, when the disaster struck.

It was and remains a hard time for our community, and they still need disaster assistance. I continue to urge the administration to honor Maryland's request for urgent FEMA funding and to fund NOAA for emergency weather services.

My heart is also with the people of Texas and their heartbreaking floods. Tragedies like these are why agencies like NOAA and FEMA are essential. Emergency response programs, especially in rural areas, rely on those services to forecast dangerous weather and respond when needed.

In closing, this is not about partisanship. It is about humanity and commonsense, lifesaving assistance.