

Jace Harris, from Tenino, also competed in the tie-down roping, team roping, and goat tying. The two of them teamed up for ribbon roping.

If Jace and Brooklynn need to rope a goat, there are plenty of them here in D.C. to practice on. We welcome them anytime.

We are so proud of them for their relationship to their animals, for their pride and pursuit of durable skills, for their tenacity, and for keeping our heritage and relationship to land and animals one of intimacy and necessity and not purely recreation.

We are so proud of them and applaud them for their work. We look forward to seeing what is next for both of them.

HONORING AVERY LOW, JR.

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize veteran Avery Low, Jr., a resident of Georgia's First District who served in the Second World War.

At 103 years young, Mr. Low traveled back to France to be awarded the Legion of Honor. This medal is granted only to French citizens or foreign nationals who have either served France or upheld its democratic ideals.

The President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, nominated Mr. Low for this honor because he risked his life to defend French territory during World War II. This recognition is France's highest and most prestigious National Order of Merit.

Mr. Low joined the Army on June 9, 1942, where he was assigned to the 537th Ordnance HMFA Company, Heavy Maintenance Field Army, as an automotive officer in Oklahoma. There, he met and married his wife in August of 1943. Only 4 months after his wedding, Mr. Low received deployment orders abroad.

On June 30, 2025, Mr. Low attended a ceremony surrounded by his friends and family. While standing among his loved ones, Mr. Low held up a photograph of him in a Jeep under the Eiffel Tower with his bride's name, Jenny, written on the windshield. He wished for nothing more than for his late wife to be in attendance. She passed away 5 years ago.

We thank Mr. Low for his courageous service in World War II and congratulate him on receiving the prestigious Legion of Honor.

HONORING LANI YEARICKS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Lani Yearicks on her retirement from the United States Army.

Mrs. Yearicks served in the U.S. Army for a total of 26 years. She has served in a variety of positions throughout her career in our Nation's military.

Most notably, she was senior HR NCO and first sergeant. In these roles, she specialized in personnel management,

onboarding, compliance, and team leadership.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Mrs. Yearicks served for over a decade, playing the trombone in the United States Army band where she acted in multiple leadership roles.

From mentoring soldiers as a first sergeant and senior HR NCO to now gaining hands-on experience in human resources at Fuji Vegetable Oil, Mrs. Yearicks has consistently led with discipline, empathy, and excellence.

It is my district's honor to be home to an American patriot like Lani Yearicks. We are beyond grateful for her service and dedication to the safety of the American people.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTOPHER NORRIE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Major General Christopher Norrie on his departure from Fort Stewart.

Before arriving at Fort Stewart, General Norrie served as the director of the People First Task Force in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

General Norrie assumed command of the 3rd Infantry Division on June 1, 2023, leading approximately 16,500 soldiers.

For the past 3 years, General Norrie has led with distinction, integrity, and unwavering commitment to our soldiers, their families, and the entire southeast Georgia community.

Whether he was overseeing critical infrastructure modernization, advocating for mental health resources, or supporting first responders after national disasters, General Norrie's dedication never faltered. It is undeniable that his efforts have strengthened the backbone of our Nation's defense.

Today, we honor General Norrie, not only for his leadership at Fort Stewart, but for a lifetime of service dedicated to protecting the liberties of our Nation.

HONORING STAN COTTRELL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 28-year-old Stan Cottrell for his run of 1,048 miles across the State of Georgia.

Mr. Cottrell runs for causes. This time he is running for Vet22, an organization that works to prevent veteran suicide. The organization provides therapy and counseling, and they soon hope to bring housing to their homeless vets.

Mr. Cottrell's devotion to the military and to veterans is rooted in his own service. He served in the Marine Corps.

On his trek across Georgia, he will touch the Florida and Alabama borders before turning back north for a finish at the State capitol.

Over the past 47 years, Cottrell's feet have carried him across 43 countries. No matter where he goes, he always makes sure to bring his American flag with him.

Today, we honor Stan Cottrell for his valiant patriotism and dedication to the United States' military veterans.

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CRYPTO USED BY CRIMINALS AND CORRUPT POLITICIANS

(Mr. CASTEN of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, this week, we will vote on bills to defund the police, sow the seeds for our next financial crisis, and remove any remaining fig leaf that we might hide behind when we insist that Congress is a coequal branch of government.

I am, of course, referring to the highly misnamed GENIUS and CLARITY Acts. Let's dive in.

The way a tool is used is the purpose of the tool. If you watch a carpenter use a screwdriver, Mr. Speaker, you can ignore someone who says that those tools are for hammering nails.

Crypto has been around since 2009. Watch how people used crypto over the last 16 years, Mr. Speaker. You can ignore anyone who says that this is a tool for legitimate finance. That is because the tool is overwhelmingly used for crime.

The Russians use crypto to evade sanctions and fund their war in Ukraine. The North Koreans use it to fund their nuclear program. Hamas used it to fund their October 7 attack. Fentanyl traffickers use it to get paid. All, 100 percent, of ransomware attacks get paid in crypto.

That is a really good argument for legislation, and if the crypto industry did not want to hang out with criminals, then they would have welcomed good legislation. These bills are not that.

The CLARITY Act would exempt any platform that is the network for crypto transfers from any regulation at all. That might be attractive to my Republican colleagues because Donald Trump's World Liberty Financial is one of those platforms.

The CLARITY Act would defund white-collar police by shifting most of these coins from the well-staffed, well-funded SEC to the much smaller CFTC. It would exempt whole classes of crypto, the so-called memecoins, from any regulatory supervision.

Do you know the Trump coin, Mr. Speaker? That is a memecoin.

It would allow normal, healthy public companies to evade all SEC regulation by tokenizing their stock so they can raise more money from less informed, less sophisticated, and dumber investors.

Finally, it would allow anyone to create a self-hosted wallet, which is basically an online account where they can transfer assets between anonymous users with absolutely no regulation. If the goal is to make money laundering easier, then I have no idea how to make the CLARITY Act better.

Yet somehow, the GENIUS Act manages to be even worse because it connects the fraud of crypto to the real financial system. The GENIUS Act is for so-called stablecoins. I say so-called

because they are neither stable nor are they coins. They are bits of computer code that can be bought and sold at any time, in theory, for one real U.S. dollar. As of May, there were \$247 billion of stablecoins in circulation.

How is the tool used? Six percent of them are used to buy things. Nearly 90 percent are used to provide a liquidity bridge between much shadier cryptocurrencies, the ones contemplated by the CLARITY Act.

To state the obvious, Mr. Speaker, no one will sell you a gallon of milk for a Trump coin, but they will take dollars. Criminals need stablecoins so they can make crypto crime pay.

The blockchain, of course, doesn't fix this because smart criminals cover their tracks. They have created these digital mixers that comingle lots of crypto together and spit out a clean, or shall we say laundered, blockchain. This is why the United States Treasury Department has described offshore mixers as a primary money laundering concern.

Of course, you can't make a profit buying and selling something at the same price, so the stablecoin issuers, like banks, want to earn interest on the dollars they hold, except that those issuers are not regulated like banks. We saw this when Silicon Valley Bank collapsed and the price of the USDC stablecoin, which was supposedly worth a dollar, fell to 88 cents as the run on the bank exposed the company's failure to keep cash deposits in insured accounts. USDC only looks stable today because the taxpayers bailed them out with the FDIC.

The GENIUS Act makes this problem even worse by saying that, in the event of a future bank run, those uninsured crypto deposits, the irresponsible depositors, get a claim on money before your deposits, you as a good depositor, Mr. Speaker. That puts every American's deposit at risk.

Amendments were introduced to fix every one of these problems, and every one of them was rejected, which brings me to a final point: Do you know who really benefits from crypto? Corrupt politicians do.

Just last week, the United Arab Emirates sent \$2 billion to convicted money launderer Changpeng Zhao, using coins issued by Donald Trump's family. That is \$2 billion in their bank account. The Trump family will earn about \$30 million off this transaction, and Mr. Zhao is now asking for a pardon.

These bills will make all of those crimes easier, and if we build it, crime will come.

When the crime happens, when the President gets richer, Mr. Speaker, when your bank fails, when your deposits are wiped out, and when the crypto bubble pops, just don't say that you weren't warned.

CONGRATULATING ALEDO BEARCATS

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Aledo Bearcats on their decisive 8-1 victory in the 2025 UIL 5A Division I State baseball championship.

The Bearcats concluded a historic season with their second State title, securing the win for the first time in 11 years. This team began the season with a unified goal and put in the work to bring their vision to life. After a hard-fought season of long practices and staying focused in school, these athletes, trainers, managers, and coaches showed dedication, strength, and an unwavering commitment to victory.

I am proud that their hard work has paid off. As these talented students prepare for their next endeavors, I wish them the best of luck and blessings for an even brighter and more victorious future.

Go Bearcats.

In God We Trust.

RECOGNIZING GORDON LONGHORNS BASEBALL TEAM

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Gordon Longhorns baseball team on a hard-fought season.

This year, the Longhorns made school history with their first-ever appearance in the UIL Class 1A State championship game. Their road to the championship was made even more remarkable by the challenges they overcame this season.

On May 18, 2025, a tornado struck Gordon, leaving the school's athletic facilities, baseball field, and other resources unusable during the most crucial part of their season. The community rallied around these young men as the team practiced at neighboring schools to continue their playoff preparations.

The Longhorns are a testament to determination, teamwork, and the strength of a small Texas town recovering from a natural disaster.

As these students prepare for their next endeavors, I wish them the best of luck and blessings for a brighter future.

Go Longhorns.

In God We Trust.

COMMENDING BURLESON'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE POSTER PROJECT

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Burleson Police Department for their remarkable work supporting victims of domestic violence.

The lifesaving Burleson victim assistance poster project began with one powerful phrase: If I had known someone like you existed, I would have gotten help sooner.

Far too many women live in silence, unsure of where to turn, especially while still under the control or surveillance of an abuser. There is a critical

gap, not in services, but in awareness and safe access to those services.

Recognizing this urgent need, the leaders of Burleson, Texas, came together to create a simple yet profoundly effective solution: posters. These discreet posters are strategically placed in safe, private, and secure locations where a victim can view them without fear. Each one includes a QR code that links directly to support resources, as well as a hotline for those without internet access. In under 30 seconds, a victim can quickly connect to confidential help, shelter options, and emergency services.

With the support from the Burleson Police Officers Association and dedicated community stakeholders, this initiative has expanded, reaching neighboring cities, rural areas, and locations across this great country.

I thank the City of Burleson Police Department. Their leadership and innovation have created a vital lifeline, bringing safety and hope to victims of domestic abuse.

In God We Trust.

RECOGNIZING COMANCHE CHIEF NEWSPAPER

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a remarkable milestone for The Comanche Chief newspaper located in my district.

For over 150 years, The Comanche Chief paper has provided trustworthy news, thoughtful commentary, entertainment, and vital resources for the people of Comanche County. It has served as a reliable voice for our community and a living record of our shared history.

James Claude Wilkerson first bought the newspaper in June 1925, beginning a proud family tradition of civic service through journalism. This year, the Wilkerson family is celebrating an extraordinary milestone of 100 years in print.

Today, James Bradley Wilkerson is a fourth-generation owner, carrying on his family's legacy by serving as the paper's publisher, ensuring that The Comanche Chief continues to inform, engage, and uplift its readers.

As the oldest continuous business institution in Comanche County, The Comanche Chief is more than just a newspaper. It is a pillar of our community for past and future generations.

I commend the Wilkerson family for their century of stewardship, and I thank them for their continued commitment to delivering trustworthy news to the people of Texas.

In God We Trust.

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RELEASE THE EPSTEIN FILES

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

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to demand that Donald Trump and our Attorney General come clean to the American people and release the Epstein files.