

dirty and polluted air. That should alarm us all.

The Washington Post recently reported on what too many of us already know: Air pollution and climate change are choking even the most treasured corners of our country.

Wildfire smoke now blankets our parks each summer. Haze clouds once-clear views. The places we go to breathe deep and reconnect with nature are being smothered by our inaction.

At Look Rock in the Great Smoky Mountains, I saw how long-term air quality monitoring helps us track these threats, but data alone isn't enough. We must have the courage to act.

As a physician and mother, I know what is at stake. Every child deserves to explore our parks without wheezing from smoke or smog.

Clean air and healthy parks go hand in hand, and they are worth fighting for.

#### RECOGNIZING DALE ANDERSON

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

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Dale Anderson for his service to the Fifth Congressional District of Colorado for over 18 years.

Dale served my predecessor, Congressman Doug Lamborn, in several roles, and he served as a senior adviser in my office.

Before working for Congress, Dale served our country in the Army for 9 years, and his keen strategic eye and leadership are evident in everything that he does.

Dale has served me in building relationships in the business community, the defense sector, and our district. His extensive knowledge of the district has proven invaluable to me and my team.

I am certain that these relationships and skills will serve him well as he continues to serve the Pikes Peak region in his new role at the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce as the senior vice president.

I wish Dale and his wife, Jennie, the very best as they return to Colorado Springs, and I thank them for their service and their sacrifice to the Fifth Congressional District of Colorado.

#### HONORING JUANITA BRYANT

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a North Carolina trailblazer, Juanita Bryant, who, sadly, passed away last month.

Juanita spent her career fighting for the women of North Carolina. She made history by becoming the first woman in North Carolina appointed by

the Governor to chair a State board or commission.

When Governor Hunt appointed her as executive director of the North Carolina Council for Women in 1993, he said: "Mrs. Bryant is one of North Carolina's most knowledgeable citizens in the area of women's issues."

On the council, Juanita led critical programs for women, including initiatives to help survivors of domestic violence, women in the military, women businessowners, and so much more.

Juanita Bryant advanced equality for women in North Carolina, but her legacy lives on in all the women and girls who walk in her footsteps today.

#### RECOGNIZING BRIAN THOLEN

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

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Chief Brian Tholen for his distinguished career in law enforcement and his lifelong commitment to serving the people of Minnesota through education, volunteerism, and public safety advocacy.

For over 25 years, Chief Tholen served with dedication and integrity as a police officer for the city of Edina. He then continued his service as chief of police for the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department, leading with professionalism and courage.

A graduate of the University of St. Thomas and the FBI National Academy, Chief Tholen exemplified Minnesotan excellence throughout his law enforcement career. His tenure includes a decade in the patrol division, where he served as a field training officer, a defensive tactics instructor, and a member of the Southwest Metro SWAT Team Consortium.

In the past 12 years, Chief Tholen has worked to train officers, paramedics, firefighters, and civilians across the metro area in active shooter response protocol. Through his work, he has emphasized the importance of awareness, prevention, and survival, equipping individuals and businesses with life-saving tools and strategies.

On behalf of myself and the Minnesotans who have benefited from his decades of leadership and service, I offer my sincere gratitude to Chief Brian Tholen.

#### REDRAWING CONGRESSIONAL MAPS AN ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a robbery being planned by a felon.

In the first 6 months of this administration, Republicans have lost the battle of ideas. Now set on making sure that they don't lose power, they lie and cheat in order to steal the midterm elections.

Governor Abbott bent a knee to the felon in the White House, calling an emergency session to redraw congressional maps in Texas. These are maps that he himself approved in 2021.

While Texas Hill Country is still reeling in grief and trying to recover from devastating floods, Republicans prove that it is always the right time to do the wrong thing.

Texans are struggling and deserve so much better than what Abbott has cooked up for them. This is an attack on democracy and nothing more than a power grab.

We must fight them with everything we have because, in this country, the voters choose who they elect and not the other way around.

#### CELEBRATING EXONERATION OF PORT CHICAGO 50

(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, 1 year ago tomorrow, our community in the bay area and the country rejoiced as the Port Chicago 50 were finally exonerated 80 years after the explosion that changed the course of their lives and American history.

On July 17, 1944, an explosion rang out at the shipyard at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California, killing or wounding 710 people, predominantly African Americans in the Navy, which was segregated at that time.

Mr. Speaker, 50 of the enlisted survivors who refused to return to the same unsafe working conditions that led to the explosion were indicted, defended by Thurgood Marshall, and convicted of mutiny.

After decades of advocacy from community veterans groups, civil rights groups, and more, last year, the Port Chicago 50 were finally exonerated by President Biden and the Navy.

While this action does not erase the historical injustice that they suffered, it does correct the record and recognizes them as the heroes that they were.

I am very proud to have been part of this endeavor to exonerate these innocent, brave American sailors.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DARREN FOXWELL

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, last month, Maryland lost a son, brother, grandson, teammate, mentor, and friend, Darren Foxwell, far too early.

Darren grew up playing Little League and working as a camp counselor at the YMCA. He had just graduated from Easton High School, ready to start college and take the first steps in his beautifully bright future this fall.

At just 18, he was already described by his peers as kind when no one was watching and with maturity and wisdom beyond his years. Yet, on an early Tuesday morning in June, the world lost Darren in a tragic car accident.

Darren's family has asked me to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the first responders on Maryland's Eastern Shore and the nurses and doctors at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, who, they described, "treated him with urgency and dignity, and cared for us like family . . . even when they knew he wasn't going to make it."

I add my gratitude to the best-in-the-world trauma system and its passionate team for their tireless work to save Darren's life, just as they work tirelessly to save the lives of thousands of patients every year, bringing that same compassion, urgency, and tenacity to heal those facing the worst emergencies imaginable.

May we carry Darren's loved ones—his sister, Colleen; his parents, Kerry and Len; his grandparents; and his teammates and friends—in our hearts.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THOMAS JOHN "TJ" COSTELLO

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

Mr. HARRIGAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Thomas John "TJ" Costello of Charlotte, North Carolina, who passed away last week at just 43 years of age.

TJ was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps. He led Marines in combat in Iraq with 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. He served this country with distinction in war and returned home to serve it again in his community.

After the military, he earned his MBA while working full time and became Vice President of operations at Charlotte Pipe and Foundry. He volunteered at his church, coached youth football, and quietly gave back in every way that he could.

He leaves behind his wife, Julia, and their three children: Finley, Harper, and Clairra. Their oldest, Finley, reported to the Naval Academy this month, continuing his father's legacy of service.

TJ's loss is deeply felt, but his legacy lives on in the Marines who served beside him, in the lives he helped shape, and in the family he loved beyond all else.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless the Costello family and may this country never forget his name.

#### FOREIGN FOOD AID INCINERATED

(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, this week The Atlantic reported that the Trump administration is planning to incinerate \$800,000 worth of high-nutrition biscuits, food that was meant for starving children in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

These are not snacks. These are fortified, lifesaving meals. It gets worse. The administration will spend \$130,000 just to destroy them. These are resources that could feed children anywhere in the world instead of going up in smoke.

This is more than wasteful. It is cruel. It is part of a broader, draconian foreign policy that puts ideology ahead of humanity. The administration has made it clear that it will not send out aid until countries vote in a certain way or make trade deals.

The Trump administration claims it is putting America first, but these policies put America last. When we offer food aid, we are not just fighting hunger, we are building goodwill. We are preventing famine. We are strengthening global stability and reducing the risk of conflict. That is what soft power looks like. When we abandon it, we abandon our values, our influence, and our moral leadership in this world.

#### NO MORE FEDERAL DOLLARS FOR CALIFORNIA'S HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM

(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, California's high-speed rail system has been in existence as an entity for 17 years. Mr. Speaker, about \$17 billion has been raised to build what is now costing \$128 billion. It is about \$112 billion short, and it wants to come to the Federal Government and demand even more money for something that is so far off track, so far off of its timeline it is almost funny.

They want to build a line from a place called Merced to Bakersfield. They are calling that the early operating system, which is already 12 years behind on just that segment.

It is time to cut the ties to the California high-speed rail. I appreciate Secretary Duffy of Transportation taking a look at this and saying the 50 States' taxpayers should not be funding it any more in the effort to claw back about \$3.5 billion or so that the Biden administration approved as they exited.

I think the high-speed rail is nice to take a look at and look at the concept and determine if it is going to work, but in California, it is not going to work. It is a boondoggle. We don't have the money for it. They sure as heck shouldn't get any more Federal dollars for it.

#### PBS AND NPR TELL THE TRUTH

(Mr. BELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, let's be honest about what this is. The administration didn't try to cut PBS and NPR because of the budget. They went after them because public media doesn't play along with the never-ending lies. PBS and NPR tell the truth, and for some people that is threatening.

A free press isn't supposed to flatter those in charge. Trust me, I know. It is supposed to challenge them. That is what makes democracy possible. The cowardice it takes to go along with these cuts is shameful.

The President said it himself. He demanded Republicans defund NPR and PBS because they dared to fact check him. Now my colleagues are falling in line, even though they know their communities depend on these stations for everything from weather alerts to kids' programming. That is not strength. That is fear.

In St. Louis and across the country, folks rely on public media. We should be investing in that, not gutting it.

P.S.: Release the Epstein files.

#### RECOGNIZING JONAH DICKERSON

(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 recognize an inspiring young leader from Gates County, North Carolina, Jonah Dickerson.

Jonah earned the Congressional Gold Medal award after dedicating over 400 hours of volunteer service, hosting soccer clinics for children and supporting students of Buckland Elementary School.

He is a proud East Carolina University Pirate and honors college student. Jonah studies geographic information sciences and applies his skills at Sound Rivers, protecting our precious waterways in the East.

Alongside his brother Cole, Jonah has coauthored two research papers, one on low-cost buoy systems for geographic education and another advancing UAV tracking accuracy.

Mr. Speaker, Jonah reminds us that our service can uplift and inspire an entire community. He truly represents the best of eastern North Carolina. We are so proud to honor him and look forward to what the future holds.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

The motion to reconsider on House Resolution 580;

and

Adoption of House Resolution 580, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant