

how does a player so dominant in the lane never draw contact? Because she was erased from the whistle.

Let me just say it out loud right here from the House Chamber: The WNBA wanted the Liberty to win—a big market team, superstar faces, a tidy storyline for the league office and the league commissioner, who literally wore the New York skyline on her dress that night.

Minnesota? We were the wrong script—too gritty, too real, too inconvenient.

The league talks about fairness. The league talks about lifting women up. Pay them what they deserve if you want to lift women up in the WNBA.

They talk about growing the game with integrity, but when the stakes were high, the WNBA didn't protect the game. They manipulated it. They chose a winner.

Here is the truth: Minnesota didn't lose game five. The WNBA took it from them, and I will be damned if I ever put on a New York Liberty jersey.

DENOUNCING CUTS TO K-12 SCHOOLS

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell an inconvenient truth about what happened to educational funding that Congress appropriated that was to go to our schools.

On June 30, just 1 day before \$7 billion of educational funding was supposed to be delivered to our State budgets, the Trump administration pulled the rug out from under the schools—no warning, no explanation.

Let me explain something about California. We are a donor State. That means that the citizens of California, the taxpayers, send more money to Washington than we get back every year.

In California, we were supposed to receive, as I said, \$928 million. This was a big blow to school districts across the country, including those that I represent in the San Joaquin Valley in California. Fresno Unified, which I represent, was to lose \$7.1 million. Visalia Unified would have lost \$2 million.

Across the San Joaquin Valley, districts were preparing for these devastating cuts in mental health services, after-school programs, and support for English learners and migrant students.

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While the Republicans stayed silent, my colleagues and I stepped up. We wrote to the Trump administration, demanded answers, and put pressure on them to act.

They finally listened. Let's be clear: This didn't happen on its own. It happened because we put pressure on them.

Now the money is flowing, and I hope it is the entire \$7 billion that goes to

our schools throughout the country. Let's make sure that we know where it first happened. It happened when the flood of phone lines started going to my colleagues here in Washington.

I am going to, and my colleagues will continue to, fight for every student, every family, and every school in America, including those in the San Joaquin Valley that I represent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN HARRIS

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today sadly to pay tribute to John Harris, a good friend and a giant of California agriculture and the San Joaquin Valley.

Born on July 14, 1943, in Fresno County, John was a proud graduate of the University of California-Davis and a United States Army veteran.

For over 40 years, he was not only a pioneer in agriculture, but a good friend of mine. He was a leader who was well respected throughout the country. John shaped the Harris Ranch and turned it into one of the Nation's largest beef producers in America.

In addition, his passion was as a leader in the horseracing industry in which his horses were successful and won on numerous occasions.

John always understood the importance of education and gave back generously. Not only was it to Fresno State's Maddy Institute but he also mentored the next generation of agricultural leaders.

We miss John. His impact will stretch far beyond his ranch. He helped shape the agriculture of our region, and his legacy of innovation, integrity, and service will benefit generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOEL NELSON

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joel Nelson, a proud son of the San Joaquin Valley who served 37 years as the head of California Citrus Mutual.

Mr. Speaker, you should understand that California produces 80 percent of all the citrus consumed in the United States: navels, Valencias, mandarins, and lemons.

Joel was the leader for the voice of our citrus growers and a fierce advocate for valley agriculture.

From the orchards of Tulare, Fresno, and Kern Counties to the packing sheds, he always fought every day to protect our farmers, our water, and our way of life.

He dedicated his life to uplifting others always with energy, passion, and a deep love for the valley we shared. His excitement for the work was contagious, and his leadership helped shape the citrus industry for generations to come.

We will miss his voice, but his legacy will live on in every grove in California.

RECOGNIZING THE REMARKABLE WORK OF SEWA INTERNATIONAL

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable work of Sewa International, both in Virginia and around the world.

Founded less than 25 years ago, Sewa International is a global humanitarian organization committed to serving those in need.

Their mission focuses on several things, including disaster relief, rehabilitation, family services, women's empowerment, health, and education.

In Virginia, Sewa works hand in hand with local organizations to strengthen our communities. They support the big September 11 National Day of Service which will be happening again this year.

They offer after-school programming, provide meal service at local shelters, and help the next generation get involved, engaging high school students and volunteer work.

I am thankful for all Sewa International does for our communities.

SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA PREVENTED A TOLL HIKE ON DULLES GREENWAY

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, last week our community got a major win. The Supreme Court of Virginia upheld a bill that I had passed, one that prevented a 40 percent toll hike on the Dulles Greenway, maybe more. Without this bill tolls would have jumped from at least \$5.80 to \$8.10 each way.

For regular commuters like me, that is \$1,150 back in their pockets at least. This is a reminder of what we can achieve when we work together to take on tough fights, including for families facing high costs. This was a bipartisan initiative because across Virginia and across the country families are feeling the squeeze.

Housing costs are up, childcare is expensive, and utility bills are rising. In Loudoun County, tolls add an extra burden to the cost of getting to work.

This win is a step toward lowering costs for all families and a step towards addressing the broader affordability crisis.

I am committed to continuing this work in Congress and fighting to lower tolls even further and pushing for policies that put more money back in the pockets of working families.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF SUPERVISOR BOB WEIR

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I also rise today with profound sadness to honor the life and memory of Supervisor Bob Weir, who served the Gainesville District on the Prince William County Board of Supervisors starting in 2023.

A husband and a father of three, Bob dedicated the past two decades to serving his community. He served terms on the Haymarket Town Council and Planning Commission and over 2 years on the County Board of Supervisors, all focused on empowering his constituents in Prince William County to demand the best from their elected officials.

Bob cared deeply about his constituents and serving them. He was known

for personally following up with residents and addressing their concerns. He prioritized transparency, once saying: You don't have to ask me where I stand on issues because I am usually pretty clear about it. I am not going to sit there and obfuscate up there. If I don't like something, I will tell you I don't like something and why.

Bob's memory and legacy will live on through the lives that he touched. Our hearts go out to all of his family. Our prayers go with him as well. May he rest in peace.

COMMEMORATING KOREAN WAR VETERANS
ARMISTICE DAY

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Korean War Armistice Day and to honor the millions of servicemembers who fought during the Korean war.

This year marks the 16th anniversary of Proclamation 8399, a proclamation to establish National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

I am proud to have introduced legislation in this Congress to help reunify families who remain divided from the war. I look forward to continuing to work to support our veterans.

I thank the Korean American Grassroots Conference and partner organizations like the Council of Korean Americans, the Korea Economic Institute, The Korea Society, the Korean American Institute, and Remember 727 for organizing this week's event.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

In You, O God, do we trust, for the wisdom You offer is pure. May we also trust You to speak Your wisdom in today's proceedings.

On You, O God, do we depend, for the direction You lead us will enable us to find a way forward in times of discord. May we also depend on You to direct us to bring calm wherever conflict persists.

To You, O God, do we yield our souls and minds, for the plans You have for us are merciful and without partiality. May we yield our whole selves in the course of this day to follow where You will guide us.

Then, may we abstain from our own selfish desires and sow the seeds of

peace, that we would receive the good fruits of Your righteousness at the conclusion of our labors.

In Your eternal and merciful name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. EZELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. EZELL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN), the whole number of the House is 431.

SUPPORTING PEACE THROUGH
STRENGTH

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as the senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, an Army veteran myself, and father of four sons who served in the military in the Middle East, I am particularly grateful that House Republicans passed the Defense appropriations bill with the leadership of Chairman MIKE ROGERS.

On behalf of national security for American families, some key provisions are: support for troops and families by delivering a pay raise and improving the quality of life; restoration of combat readiness by funding cutting-edge aircraft, weapons, and modernization; and deterrence of our adversaries with border security and countering the Chinese Communist Party worldwide.

House Republicans are achieving peace through strength, the agenda of President Donald Trump.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin's lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, talking lovely as he murders Ukrainian citizens with rocket attacks.

Our sympathy for Rosalie Smith on the passing of her husband, Mayor Pat Smith, of Springdale, South Carolina.

RECOGNIZING TREY CASH

(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 Trey Cash, the economic development director for Greene and Lenoir Counties, whose leadership secured over 600 acres of prime land for industrial development, paving the way for job growth and investment opportunities in rural North Carolina.

The North Carolina Economic Development Association named Trey the 2025 Emerging Leader of the Year, North Carolina's highest honor for a young economic developer.

Trey is the first recipient of this distinguished award from any county east of I-95. His leadership has enhanced public-private partnerships and advanced workforce readiness.

As a dedicated father, Trey works daily to ensure that his daughter, Celia, and all young people like her have the chance to live the American Dream in eastern North Carolina.

He is tireless in his commitment to keeping young professionals and the next generation in the east.

HONORING ERNESTINE McCAULEY
DAILEY

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

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Ernestine McCauley Dailey, a faithful servant and a beloved and proud Mississippian who was called home to her Heavenly Father on June 21, 2025, at the age of 99.

Born in Jasper, Alabama, Ernestine spent over six decades in Gautier, Mississippi, where she lived a life signified by humility, strength, and service.

Ernestine worked at E.R. Moore Garment Company. She became the very first secretary at Gautier Elementary School, and she later served in the vice president's office at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, touching countless lives through her work.

Alongside her beloved husband, Uless, a World War II veteran, Ernestine traveled this great Nation in their motor home, creating memories and spreading joy wherever they went.

At her passing, she was the oldest member of the Gautier First Baptist Church in Gautier, Mississippi, a source of great pride and reflection of her enduring faith. She leaves behind a legacy of love, family, and devotion.

Let us honor Ms. Ernestine today by remembering the values that she cherished: faith, family, and community.