

Let's rid ourselves, disabuse ourselves of notions. Instead, we need serious ideas about how to make our economy work for the American people.

HONORING MARTIN L. GRABER

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce I am introducing legislation to designate the United States Postal Service facility located at 1019 Avenue H in Fort Madison, Iowa, as the Martin L. Graber Post Office.

Martin served our country for 32 years in the Iowa National Guard. He was a devoted public servant, a principled legislator, and a man of deep faith who lived to serve others. He always put southeast Iowa first and made everyone around him feel seen, heard, and valued.

Alongside his beloved wife, Coni, Martin helped lead one of Fort Madison's most iconic traditions and events, the Tri-City Rodeo. Together, they were the heart and soul of that event, which draws visitors from not only across the region and the tristate area, but across the country, and it showcases the best of our community.

Their dedication to the rodeo reflects the same commitment they brought to everything they touched—family, service, and community.

I thank Coni, their daughters, and granddaughters for sharing Martin with all of us. His legacy of service and leadership in Lee County, and in Fort Madison in particular, has left a mark that won't fade. Naming the Fort Madison Post Office in his honor is a small but lasting tribute to a man who gave so much to the place he loved.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say happy birthday to Blake Dickerson and wish him a very wonderful day. Happy birthday, Blake.

HONORING U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST JAVIER VILLANUEVA

(Mr. KENNEDY of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of U.S. Army Specialist Javier Villanueva, a patriot, a son, a husband, a father, and an American hero.

Javier Villanueva lived a life defined by character, integrity, and selflessness. These values were instilled in him from an early age, especially by his father, U.S. Army veteran Wilfredo Rivera.

During a recent visit to Puerto Rico, I had the honor of meeting with Wilfredo, and we spoke about the extraordinary young man Javier was. We talked about his moral compass, his commitment to service, and the strength that shaped his life and sacrifice.

In 2003, Javier followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Army where he served with distinction in Company H, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry. He was later deployed to Iraq where he served with honor until his life was tragically cut short on November 24, 2005.

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Mr. Speaker, Javier embodied the very best of who we are as a nation. His sacrifice is a solemn reminder that the freedoms we hold dear come at an immense cost. He gave everything for people he would never meet and for ideals we must never take for granted.

Javier is survived by his wife, Felicia; daughter, Taliyah; his parents, Christine and Wilfredo; his brothers, Command Sergeant Major Wilfredo Rivera and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Carlos Rivera.

As a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I carry stories like Javier's with me every day. They remind me of the sacred obligation we have to support every veteran who comes home and honor every fallen hero with the dignity that they have earned.

Specialist Villanueva's courage, leadership, and selflessness will never be forgotten. May Javier Villanueva rest in peace. May God protect his family. May God bless the United States of America.

HONORING JAMES M. KAPSIK

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of James M. Kapsiak, a proud Buffalonian, a devoted educator, and a beloved pillar of our community, whose life was defined by service.

Jim was the embodiment of selflessness, whether in the classroom, on the basketball court, or in the pews of his church. After earning his master's degree from the University of Buffalo, Jim dedicated 33 years to Emerson Vocational High School where he taught physical education, health, and computer technology.

Outside the classroom, Jim was a leader on the court and the field, coaching numerous sports at Emerson and leaving a lasting legacy as a proud coach of the girls' basketball team.

With every student, he brought patience and compassion, meeting them where they were and helping them to grow. His passion reflected a deep commitment to helping young people build confidence, discipline, and a belief in themselves that would carry them through life.

Jim's service didn't stop at the school doors. He served with distinction as a representative for the Buffalo Teachers Federation and remained active in civic life through his work at the Erie County Voter Registration Office.

As a deacon, mentor, coach, and friend, Jim gave his time and heart generously to those around him. Above all else, he was a family man. He is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Ruth;

his children, Jennifer and Bradford; and his grandsons, Noah, Aiden, and Blake. Each are a testament to his love and his legacy.

Jim's decades of service were rooted in love for his community, and his impact will be felt for generations. On behalf of our entire western New York community and a grateful nation, may Jim Kapsiak rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SARAH DOXEY

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sarah Doxey, a devoted wife, mother, and respected healthcare leader in Spokane, whose life was tragically taken last week while out for her morning jog.

Sarah served as chief operating officer of CHAS Health and spent her career lifting up others. From her work at Providence to CHAS and beyond, she led with vision, compassion, and a deep commitment to her community. She made a lasting impact on healthcare in eastern Washington.

Sarah is survived by her husband, Erick, and her two teenage children. Their loss is unimaginable. It is a loss felt deeply by the entire Spokane community. May her memory live on in the lives she touched.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION OF AGRICULTURAL LEADERS

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, last week I had the privilege of meeting with a group of outstanding students from the Washington Future Farmers of America.

These young leaders come from diverse agricultural backgrounds: one from a grain farming family, one a dedicated cattle showman, and one an experienced horse rider. All are deeply rooted in rural Washington.

Our conversation highlighted how growing up in farming communities shapes their values. With hard work, responsibility, and a strong connection to the land, their experiences keep them grounded and committed to preserving the future of agriculture.

The Future Farmers of America plays a critical role in educating and inspiring the next generation of agricultural leaders. It was inspiring to hear firsthand how these students are embracing that responsibility with humility, passion, and purpose.

I truly valued our conversation and look forward to strengthening this connection and championing the FAA's mission to inspire and empower the next generation of agricultural leaders.

HONORING BRYAN BRAMAN

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Bryan Braman, a true Spokane legend, whose life was as inspiring as it was beautiful. It was a long way from his tough upbringing in eastern Washington.

Bryan was born in Spokane's Hillyard neighborhood. Along with his sisters, he was raised alone by their mother, Tina Braman-Fields, after their father abandoned them.

His childhood in Hillyard, Cheney, and north Spokane was marked by instability and hardship including periods of homelessness. Despite these challenges, Bryan's deep Spokane roots and the strength of his family shaped a resilient young man determined to rise above adversity. That determination would go on to define his life and his career.

Bryan attended Shadle Park High School where he was an outstanding track and field athlete before deciding to join the football team. With exceptional athletic talent and unwavering resilience, he conquered every obstacle in his life, ultimately rising to prominence as an NFL linebacker and earning a Superbowl ring with the Philadelphia Eagles in 2018.

Known for his relentless spirit and generosity, even in his final days, Bryan rallied family and friends for a joyful ice cream night during the final stages of his battle with cancer.

His spirit was and remains unbreakable. Bryan passed away last week, but his legacy lives on in his daughters, Blakely and Marlowe; his family; and all who were fortunate to know him.

Spokane is proud to call Bryan Braman one of its own, and his beautiful life will continue to inspire us all.

AND STILL I RISE

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise today to speak truth to power, as well as speak truth about power. I rise to speak truth about what is happening to the Palestinians in Gaza.

I rise to ask: What do we call it when we have a group of people who are being denied food and denied the very essence and necessities of life? What do we call it when their homes are being destroyed, when their schools are being destroyed, and when their churches and their infrastructure are being destroyed? What do we call it when we do this to them as a group? We call it collective punishment. It is called collective punishment, Mr. Speaker.

What do we call it when we have a group of people who are being pushed around, pushed from one end of Gaza to the other? What do we call it when they are literally being slaughtered as they are seeking food? What do we call it when people say that they ought to be removed from their land? We call it ethnic cleansing, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what do we call when it appears to me that there is a deliberate and systemic effort to destroy in whole or in part the Palestinian people? What do we call it when we destroy them in whole or in part?

We are witnessing before our very eyes, Mr. Speaker, genocide in Gaza, and we say nothing.

I am amazed at how this country that stands for liberty and justice for all, this country that has a Statue of Liberty, how this country can see what is happening in Gaza and not call it what it is.

There is a fear among us. We refuse to speak truth to power. We refuse to speak truth about power. Today, I am going to do it. I am doing it because these are precious babies that are being slaughtered.

We see the bodies. We see the homes. We see the infrastructure. We say nothing. Who are we? What is wrong with us? What is going on? Here is what is going on.

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We have an authoritarian leader who is supporting another authoritarian leader. Our President and the Prime Minister of Israel are working together, and they are doing this. Our President said there would be hell to pay if they did not move or if they did not surrender—not in those exact words, but that was his intentionality. He is talking about the people of Gaza.

I am not talking about Hamas. They did a dastardly deed. What Hamas did can never be justified. They were wrong, but you can't justify what is happening in Israel right now. It is collective punishment. It is ethnic cleansing, and it is genocide.

Mr. President, Donald John Trump, I say to you, Mr. President, you have been trying to hide from this, but, Mr. President, you can't hide. I charge you with genocide.

Mr. Netanyahu, you are the perpetrator. I charge you with genocide.

Also, I want this Congress to know that, yes, I voted against sending any additional monies to Israel for munitions. I voted against it. This genocide is going to continue until we have the courage to say no more—no more money to kill babies, no more money to say you are going to move people and create some sort of riviera on the Mediterranean, no more.

I will not vote for any more money. I stand where I stand. I said what I said, and I mean what I mean.

We cannot, as a great nation, continue to stand silent as we see collective punishment, ethnic cleansing, and genocide in Gaza committed against people and children.

We can't stand silent. History will not be kind to us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING DAWSON THOMPSON

(Mr. EZELL of Mississippi was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, if you have ever played the game of golf in the Mississippi heat, you know the game gives nothing away. The course doesn't care about your story, but every now

and then, someone comes along who plays the game with so much heart, so much resolve, it demands our respect.

Dawson Thompson is one of those people. Raised in Pascagoula and born with achondroplasia, Dawson never asked for shortcuts. Even after surgeries, even when given permission to ride a cart, he walked every hole every round because that is what his competitors were doing and because that is who Dawson is.

Earlier this month, Dawson competed in the U.S. Adaptive Open, one of the most competitive and inspiring stages in golf. He carried not just his clubs but the hopes of a town, a State, and anyone who has ever been told a dream was out of reach.

Mr. Speaker, Dawson Thompson didn't just represent Pascagoula, Mississippi, with pride. He showed the Nation what quiet strength and true perseverance look like.

I am proud to congratulate Dawson on his remarkable achievement, and I know the entire Fourth District joins me in celebrating his journey and hoping this is just the beginning.

COMMEMORATING SIX TRIPLE EIGHT

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the extraordinary service and enduring legacy of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known with pride and reverence as the Six Triple Eight.

Formed in 1944 during World War II, the Six Triple Eight was the first and only all-Black, all-female battalion deployed overseas in United States military history. Comprising over 850 courageous women from the Women's Army Corps, the WAC, the unit represented 32 States across our Nation. Many trained at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, a rare opportunity afforded to African-American women at the time.

These women answered the call to serve their country despite the dual burdens of racism and sexism, which too often obscured their contributions. Yet, their mission was essential.

Deployed to England and later France, the Six Triple Eight was tasked with clearing an enormous backlog of more than 17 million pieces of undelivered mail, reconnecting American troops with their loved ones.

Operating in grueling conditions in cold, dark, and often dangerous warehouses, they worked around the clock in three shifts, accomplishing in just 3 months what had been projected to take 6 months. Their guiding motto: No Mail, Low Moral. It was more than a slogan. It was a lifeline.

By restoring vital communication between soldiers and their families, they uplifted the spirit of the Armed Forces and strengthened the emotional backbone of a nation at war.

Despite their unprecedented success, the women of the Six Triple Eight returned home to a country that failed to