

In 1961, he married Dorothy Neal, and the two of them welcomed four children, Paula, Cynthia, James, and Timothy, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

This year, Elder Childs was rightfully promoted to superintendent, and he will continue to serve the Kingston community in an even greater capacity than before.

I thank Elder Childs for his continued dedication to and love of our neighbors and neighborhoods. I thank him personally for his mentorship and advice to me in serving in this position. I congratulate him on his recent promotion and a lifetime of service to our community.

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY IN PLACE FOR DISABLED WORKERS

(Mr. GROTHMAN of Wisconsin was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank President Trump and his Department of Labor for stopping an administrative rule that was going to get rid of 14(c) certificates, which are so vital for the lives of our disabled citizens as they pursue good lives of work and self-esteem.

Mr. Speaker, 14(c) certificates are used by people who work in work centers. They may have spina bifida. They may have Down syndrome. That doesn't mean that they can't lead productive lives doing packaging and light manufacturing. I have several facilities in my district, such as Green Valley Enterprises in Beaver Dam and RCS Empowers in Sheboygan, that provide these opportunities for people with different abilities.

Not only does this give them an opportunity to interact with other people who have disabilities, but it also provides them with a little extra money to supplement their SSI income, from which they can buy clothes, buy gifts, and go out to eat from time to time.

In order to allow these folks to work, some of them have to be paid less than minimum wage. Mr. Speaker, if you have never seen one of these work centers, I encourage you to go to the work centers, where you will see people with different abilities at work.

Everybody who works there that I can see is happy to be there and is working there because it is their choice. Nevertheless, I think arrogant people in the Biden Department of Labor had decided that they would get rid of the 14(c) certificates and tell these people, in essence, that they no longer can work, that they can go to a day center and watch television, but they are not allowed to work like their siblings work. They would not be allowed to get out and about in the community where they would get to know people other than their immediate relatives.

Fortunately, Trump's Department of Labor stepped up and said that they are not going to change the rules and

continue to allow work centers to exist. Maybe they are making \$4 or \$5 an hour to supplement their SSI, but if they want to choose, they can still work there. Hopefully, we will expand the use of work centers so that people begin to work there when they are 18 or 19 years old, like they used to.

One of the great things, like I said, about work centers is that not only do they give disabled Americans a little bit more independence, but they give them the ability to form a lot more friendships, both with other people whose abilities are similar to their own and the management staff at these facilities.

The Democratic Party has tried to prevent people from working there, saying that they are being taken advantage of, which is preposterous. Anybody who looks at these packaging or light manufacturing facilities will see immediately why you have to pay some people under minimum wage.

Secondly, my Democratic colleagues claim that people are being isolated among other people with different abilities. Again, there are people with a wide variety of abilities in these places.

There is an opportunity to form lifetime bonds with people in these facilities. I think of The Threshold in West Bend, RCS Empowers in Sheboygan, Green Valley in Beaver Dam, and Ascend Services in Manitowoc.

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I think of the lifelong friends that these people form when their parents and guardians frequently worry after the parents are no longer here, what will these people do for socialization? Where will these people find friends? They find friends in the work centers, and it is horrific for the Biden Department of Labor to try to shut these places down.

In any event, one more time: I thank President Trump for preserving the work centers. I hope his Department of Labor continues to look for more opportunities in these facilities for people at a younger and younger age, reminding you all that this is only if these folks choose to work in the work centers. Everybody else can work wherever they want, but they want these folks stuck perhaps in a place where they are just watching TV or playing games all day.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to tour the work centers. If they do tour the work centers, I think they, too, will become fans of them.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHAD KAMPBELL

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

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Chad Campbell.

Chad wasn't just a devoted father, devoted husband, and an admired commu-

nity leader, he was the cornerstone of the Santa Clarita Valley. He and his wife, Michelle, who have been close friends for several years, were deeply involved in our community.

Chad was a former president of the Democratic Alliance for Action of Santa Clarita, an active member of the Santa Clarita Valley Democrats, and someone whose commitment to service ran deep.

One of his friends described Chad perfectly: He was someone who truly grounded those around him, the kind of person who would help you cut through the noise, find your center, and remember why you did the work in the first place. That was Chad, a source of wisdom and calm, always there when you needed him.

He lived in Stevenson Ranch with his wife, Michelle, and their daughter, Bridgette. While no words can ease the pain of their loss, I hope his family knows how deeply loved and appreciated Chad was.

Chad was the kind of guy who would get there early to help set up an event and then stay late breaking down the tables and chairs afterwards. He was a talented designer and photographer. He knew how to communicate, and he used that skill for the benefit of businesses and causes close to his heart.

He was known for his booming voice. For many new activists getting involved, their introduction to civic engagement was seeing Chad kick off a meeting or a rally before taking the time to greet them and every other person there, always with a big smile and an infectious grin. He embodied the truth that the greatest title of responsibility in any democracy is that of citizen.

Chad was a rock of principle. He was committed to making his community, his State, and his country better. Month after month, year after year, he did the work. He and Michelle profoundly changed the Santa Clarita Valley for the better and his impact will never be forgotten.

Chad gave so much of himself to this community because he believed in people and the power of showing up. His absence leaves a real void, but his spirit lives on in the work he championed and the friendships he built.

May we honor him not just in words but in how we carry ourselves with compassion, with humility, and a commitment to something greater than ourselves.

#### THANKING MY SUMMER INTERNS

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, I close by thanking my summer interns, some of whom are here today. You cannot help but be inspired about the future of our country if you spend some time with the many great young people who work here on Capitol Hill. They work hard. They do crucial work interacting with our constituents, and their passion and inspiration must be recognized.

As a new Member, I am deeply inspired by the idea that people would

come and work with us in our office. I am so grateful to our team, and I wish them the very best for their futures.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REPRESENTATIVE JACK CERA

(Mrs. SYKES of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with a heavy heart but with extreme honor to recognize the life of a colleague, a mentor, and a dear friend, former Ohio State Representative Jack Cera, who passed away on July 13 after a courageous 2½-year battle with cancer. My sincere and deepest sympathy goes out to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him.

Jack was a proud son of Bellaire, Ohio, a man who never forgot where he came from and who fought every day to serve the people of eastern Ohio.

Jack was a true statesman, someone who listened more than he spoke, sought common ground without compromising his values, and worked tirelessly to deliver for the communities he loved. Jack served in the Ohio House of Representatives across three decades, from 1983 to 1996, and again from 2011 to 2020.

He represented families in Belmont, Monroe, Noble, Jefferson, and Washington Counties with distinction.

His colleagues across the political spectrum respected him. His constituents trusted him, and those of us who had the privilege of working alongside him admired him deeply.

I had the honor of working alongside Jack in the Ohio House where I witnessed firsthand his commitment to the people of eastern Ohio. Jack and I served in leadership together, and when I was elected as the minority leader, I tapped him to serve as the ranking member of the Ohio House Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Whether it was fighting for infrastructure investment, preserving the local government fund, or advocating for economic development in Appalachia, Jack never wavered in his commitment to public service.

Jack was a Brown University graduate, and he was sent to Rhode Island on a football scholarship. He would often joke that he was in the first class of football players to ever wear helmets, leather helmets at that.

Although, he was an Ivy Leaguer, he didn't have an ounce of superiority nor was there anything pretentious about him. He was just Jack, and that is what made him so special and so nice to work with.

He didn't take himself seriously, but he certainly took the work of the people very seriously. I would argue that you didn't really know Jack if he didn't teach you how to properly pronounce Bellaire, share some music, or advocate for the people of eastern Ohio.

Most importantly, Jack was smart, dedicated, and a trusted legislator who exemplified the very best of public service. He was sought after for advice

and leadership on difficult issues as he was always committed to the purpose of representing his hometown and the people of Ohio with integrity.

Without a doubt, Jack left a mark on the State of Ohio, and his legacy of service will not soon be forgotten.

Jack will be remembered by his wife, Becky; his beloved daughters, Jaclyn and Bethany; granddaughters, Scarlett, Lena, and Finley; and the countless people whose lives he made better.

This past weekend, my husband, Kevin, and I joined the Bellaire community, former legislators, colleagues, friends, and family to pay our final respects to Jack.

It was clear that the community loved and cared about him as was evidenced by the Jack Cera for Ohio House signs in yards leading the way to the church and the many people who were gathered at the church.

The eulogist and the pastor asked those present to think about the dash in between the dates that Jack was born and the date that he was returned home to the Lord.

As people stood up to share their experiences and to expand upon the dash, I wanted to be able to add my tribute to him but here on the floor of the United States House of Representatives.

The eulogists also reminded us that Jack had a motto of ensuring that he left things better than he found them. I encourage and call upon all of my colleagues here in Congress to leave a place better than you found it in honor and memory of Jack Cera.

Though his presence will be missed, I am confident his memory will live on through the people he influenced and the family he deeply loved. For a moment, I will just acknowledge his daughters, again, Jaclyn and Bethany, and his wife of over 40 years, Becky, and say thank you for sharing Jack with us. I know it was hard to see him leave for Columbus many times over the 30 years, but we are so grateful for your sacrifice. We will keep you lifted up in our prayers.

Thus with deepest sympathy, I mourn the loss and pay tribute to a truly phenomenal individual. May his memory be a blessing.

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#### DON'T CALL IT BEAUTIFUL

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

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of every senior citizen in Texas and across America. Unfortunately, it is not with celebration, but with outrage and disgust.

I am here to shed continued light to the damage this institution has caused seniors by the recent passage of this big, beautiful bill, which was anything but. It is the most significant betrayal of our senior citizens yet, a betrayal of our values and our Nation's promise.

Let's not be fooled by the branding. This bill wasn't beautiful. It was brutal. It slashed Medicare funding under the guise of reform. It wrapped its cruelty in buzz words like "efficiency," "modernization," and "fiscal responsibility." However, beneath the surface, it is a cold and calculated attempt to strip millions of Americans of the dignity they have earned over a lifetime of work.

This bill tells our parents and grandparents: Thank you for building this country, now go fend for yourself. It says to the most vulnerable: Healthcare is a luxury in this country, not a right. They dare to call that beautiful.

Let's be clear: Medicare is not a handout. It is a sacred promise paid for by workers every day of their entire lives, and it is a lifeline for seniors choosing between food and prescriptions, for families relying on home healthcare, for Americans who believe that aging should not come with abandonment. Cutting Medicare was not fiscally responsible. It was a moral failure.

All of this was done at the behest of their master, their master who wants tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy billionaires and multinational corporations, with empty slogans for the rest of Americans. It sacrificed the well-being of American retirees on the altar of political theater.

In fact, they were so diabolical about it that they purposely set a start date for these policies, December 2026, right after midterm elections, trying to poke seniors' eyes. They want to fool voting senior citizens by making these painful policies kick in right after the November elections. They are not fooling anyone. Americans are smarter than this.

We need healthcare policies that uplift older Americans, not undermine them; that care for them, not cast them aside; that honor our social contract to American senior citizens.

To those who voted for this bill, don't call it beautiful. Own what it is: a betrayal to older Americans who helped build this country.

To every senior who is watching today, to every caregiver, to every grandchild and child caring for an older American, to every worker in Texas and across this great Nation who hopes to retire with peace and dignity: We see you. We hear you, and we will not stop fighting.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 13 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.