

teacher in the POLYTECH School District in Woodside, Delaware.

Through her participation in National History Day, Ms. Green has worked with her students to preserve the stories of Delaware's silent heroes, everyday individuals who answered the call to serve our Nation.

This past school year, Ms. Green and her students chose to research two Korean war veterans. They researched the lives that these veterans led before their service, the communities they returned to, and the legacies they left behind not only as servicemembers but as local leaders.

Ms. Green and her students visited cemeteries across Delaware where they honored these veterans by writing and delivering eulogies, ensuring that their stories, sacrifices, and names are remembered.

This project reflects the very best of Delaware. I am grateful to Ms. Green for teaching her students our Nation's history and respect for our silent heroes.

#### HONORING BRADLEY MICHAEL LINK

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

Mr. FINE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a hero who tragically lost his life in the line of duty.

Bradley Michael Link, age 28, was a beloved figure of the Lake County area. At a young age, he was committed to serving his community.

Bradley started as an Explorer, which is a Boy Scout program, with the Lake County Sheriff's Office as a teenager. That motivated him to join the Polk County Sheriff's Office for 2 years and then, later, the Lake County Sheriff's Office for 4½ years.

On Friday, August 2, 2024, almost 1 year ago, Bradley and his fellow deputies responded to a disturbance at a home on Brookside Drive in Eustis, where he was shot. He later died the next morning.

Master Deputy Sheriff Bradley Link embodied what it means to give. We must always remind ourselves that our men and women in blue are someone's loved ones. They are fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters—people who are willing to give up their time and peace to serve and protect.

Bradley was one of those people, and he left behind his wife, his mom and dad, and his brother.

I recognize the Link family and continue to remember Bradley. May God bless the Link family, and may God bless all of our officers in blue.

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#### CONGRATULATING LESLIE ROOK

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Leslie Rook of Monrovia, California.

Earlier this year, Leslie completed a truly impressive feat of running 50 marathons in all 50 States with an average of three marathons each year.

Over the past 14 years of this challenge, Leslie ran more than 1,300 miles during these marathons alone, but thousands more to train for this incredible accomplishment.

Leslie balanced her love of running with her already busy life as an occupational therapist, wife, and mother of two. I am truly amazed by Leslie's dedication, stamina, and drive.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Leslie on this remarkable achievement. She has made our district proud.

#### CALIFORNIA'S HIGH-SPEED RAIL IS OFF THE RAILS

(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, I heartily applaud Secretary Duffy's decision the other day to repeal and rescind the \$4 billion that the Federal Government has put in at the end of the Biden administration for the high-speed rail in California. Indeed, it has been a clown show. The thing is off the rails with any kind of goal it was ever going to meet.

It was supposed to have been completed by 2020, and at best now it would be completed by 2040, 2045, with just one segment between Bakersfield and Merced completed by 2033 they hope.

Instead, let's move that \$4 billion to something useful such as expanding State Route 99 in California, I-15, I-5, Interstate 395, Interstate 80. That money could be used to repair roadways designated as farm-to-market roads or State Route 152. By raising it a little bit, we would be able to add more water supply to the San Luis Reservoir or the bridge over I-5 over the Shasta Lake. In doing so, that would allow us to raise the level of that lake and provide much more water for the State of California in order to grow crops which would bring inflation down on the food prices by rechanneling money into something useful instead of something useless like this clown show that is the high-speed rail for 20 years.

#### RECOGNIZING BROWNTOWN IN GREENE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

(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 Browntown in Greene County, North Carolina.

The community dates back more than two centuries, and it has a rich history. Browntown embodies the enduring contributions of African Ameri-

cans, indigenous people, and European families who built and sustained it through many generations.

The land belonged to the Tuscarora Nation and later became a refuge for blended families who worked the land, worshiped together, and educated their children despite obstacles.

Many will unite in August for the Browntown Community Day which brings neighbors and descendants together to honor their ancestors, preserve their traditions, and inspire future generations.

Madam Speaker, I am glad to celebrate this community as a part of the American story and commend their contributions to Greene County, our State, and our Nation.

#### COST OF AMERICA LAST TRADE POLICIES

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

Mr. DAVIDSON. Madam Speaker, for decades, Washington, D.C., has allowed international trade organizations to put our competitors ahead of the American people. Groups like the World Trade Organization allow China to exploit trade loopholes while claiming to be a developing nation, stealing our intellectual property, and manipulating their own currency.

Under these America last trade policies, Ohio has lost a third of its manufacturing jobs. Between 2000 and 2010, Hamilton County in the Eighth District lost 66,000 good-paying, high-skilled jobs. My district heard the giant sucking sound of American industry fleeing overseas.

These jobs drove innovation and productivity, and they built our middle class. America last trade policies not only exported jobs and outsourced our defense industrial base, but they exported much of our future. Our trade policy ought to put American industry and American citizens first.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CHRISTINA MARIE HENDERSON BLAKE

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

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Christina Marie Henderson Blake, known to all of us as Tina, who entered her heavenly home on July 3, 2025, after a courageous battle with glioblastoma.

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, and raised in Galveston, Tina graduated University of Texas at Austin, where she formed lifelong friendships through her beloved Kappa Kappa Gamma. She married the love of her life, Bruce, and together they raised two children, Jessica and Alex, first in Midland and later in southeast Texas in my district.

Tina was a pillar of every community that she called home, leading in the

Junior League, the American Cancer Society, and the Midland Symphony Guild. She helped grow her family's land in Liberty County, Texas, into a successful cattle ranching business and was a very respected leader in agriculture.

Her greatest joy was her family, especially her four grandchildren. Tina brought warmth, strength, and grace to everything that she did. Roxanne and I are honored to have called her our friend.

Madam Speaker, her legacy will live on in the countless lives that she touched. May God bless her family and her loved ones.

#### RECOGNIZING COY JAMES AND DAVIE COUNTY'S BASEBALL LEGACY

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

Mr. MCDOWELL. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize one of North Carolina's brightest young athletes, Coy James of Davie County, who now joins the ranks of great ballplayers from the Tar Heel State.

Coy was selected by the Washington Nationals in the fifth round of the 2025 MLB Draft. Known across North Carolina for his power at the plate and his elite play at shortstop, Coy is a force.

He follows in the footsteps of other Davie County stars, including Carson Whisenhunt, drafted a few years ago out of East Carolina by the San Francisco Giants and three-time MLB All-Star Whit Merrifield, who just retired after nine seasons in the majors.

These men are a testament to the deep love Davie County has for the game of baseball. We are proud to have them representing our community on diamonds across the country, and we wish them all the best as they take on their next chapter.

#### HONORING COLONEL CRAIG FOURNIER

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Madam Speaker, today, I honor Colonel Craig Fournier for his 34 years of distinguished service in the United States Army and the Florida National Guard. He is this month's Brevard County Veteran of the Month.

Throughout his career, Colonel Fournier held several crucial roles, including Executive Officer of the 2nd Battalion and project manager for the Missile Defense Agency. He earned numerous awards, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, and Combat Action Badge for his role in the global war on terror.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank Colonel Fournier for his outstanding service to the citizens of the

United States and for his dedication to our country, its values, and our State of Florida.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 19 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 pro tempore (Mr. MCGUIRE) at 4 p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

#### WABENO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3937) to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3937

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Wabeno Economic Development Act".*

##### SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND IN THE CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST TO TONY'S WABENO REDI-MIX, LLC.

(a) *CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.*—If, during the 180-day period beginning on the date of Federal approval of the appraisal under subsection (d), Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC submits to the Secretary an offer to acquire the property described in subsection (b) for market value, as determined by such appraisal, the Secretary shall, not later than 180 days after receiving such offer, convey to Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC all right, title, and interest of the United States, including mineral rights, in and to the property described in subsection (b).

(b) *DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.*—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The property referred to in subsection (a) is the parcel of real property, including all land and improvements, generally depicted as "Federal Parcel to be Conveyed" on the Map, consisting of approximately 14 acres of National Forest System land located in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in Wisconsin.

(2) *MAP.*—

(A) *MINOR ERRORS.*—The Secretary may correct minor errors in the Map.

(B) *AVAILABILITY.*—A copy of the Map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate office of the Forest Service.

(3) *SURVEY.*—The exact acreage and legal description of the National Forest System land to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

(c) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONVEYANCE.*—

(1) *REQUIREMENTS.*—The conveyance under subsection (a) shall be—

(A) subject to valid existing rights;

(B) made by quitclaim deed; and

(C) subject to such other terms and conditions as the Secretary considers to be appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(2) *COSTS.*—As a condition of the conveyance under subsection (a), Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC shall pay to the Secretary—

(A) an amount equal to the market value of the land to be conveyed under subsection (a), as determined by the appraisal under subsection (d); and

(B) all costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost of—

(i) a survey, if necessary, under subsection (b)(3);

(ii) conducting the appraisal under subsection (d); and

(iii) any environmental analysis or resource survey required under Federal law.

(d) *APPRAISAL.*—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 300 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete an appraisal to determine the market value of the land to be conveyed under subsection (a).

(2) *STANDARDS.*—The appraisal under paragraph (1) shall be conducted in accordance with—

(A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

(B) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

(e) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

(1) *MAP.*—The term "Map" means the map entitled "Conveyance of Federal Parcel Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest" and dated September 27, 2023.

(2) *SECRETARY.*—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

##### SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF FEDERAL PERMITTING PROCESSES FOR STONE, SAND, AND GRAVEL DEVELOPMENT ON FEDERAL LANDS.

(a) *REVIEW.*—The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, industry stakeholders, and State permitting authorities, shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Federal permitting processes for the development of stone, sand, and gravel on Federal lands.

(b) *REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the entities referred to in subsection (a), shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and make publicly available on the website of the Department of the Interior a report that includes—

(1) a detailed description of the current Federal permitting process for stone, sand, and gravel development, including average timelines from initial application to final approval;

(2) an analysis identifying potential inefficiencies and duplicative steps in such permitting process and the impact of such inefficiencies and duplicative steps on project timelines;

(3) the Secretary's recommendations for legislative or administrative actions to streamline such permitting process; and

(4) a summary of the economic impacts associated with current permitting timelines under such permitting process, specifically focusing on the stone, sand, and gravel sectors.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from