

Mr. Speaker, over the many years I had the privilege to work alongside Carla, I came to not only know her mission but her soul.

May God bless Carla Reynolds, and may we each do our part to honor her by continuing the work she believed in so deeply.

#### DEMANDING ANSWERS

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, Virginia Federal employees are still being fired, RIF'd, and harassed by this administration.

Last week, I heard from a constituent who received a termination letter from the Department of Health and Human Services just hours before it went into effect with no access to their equipment, no offboarding information, and no details about their severance. This is one of the many, many stories that I get at my office every week.

Civil servants who dedicate their career to serving this government deserve transparency, clarity, and respect. But across agencies, this administration continues to blindly and abruptly fire Federal workers. What do we have to show for it? A complete and total brain drain.

We are losing talent and expertise in our Federal Government, all while the administration prioritizes tax cuts and handouts to the biggest corporations.

To my constituents impacted by these cuts, I will continue to demand answers, and I will continue to fight to hold this administration accountable.

#### RECOGNIZING MARK MURPHY

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

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the legacy and esteemed career of Green Bay Packers president and CEO Mark Murphy, who is set to retire at the end of this week after serving in the role for more than 17 years.

Mark Murphy is a Green Bay Packers legend and a highly respected figure throughout Wisconsin and among NFL fans across the country.

During his tenure as president and CEO, the Green Bay Packers won the Super Bowl in 2011, made 5 NFC Championship Game appearances, secured 8 NFC North division titles, earned 13 playoff appearances, and posted a 172-101 regular season record, which was the second best in the league over that span.

Off the field and under his guidance, the Green Bay Packers invested more than \$700 million in the Lambeau Field campus and Tiletown development without the use of public money and increased charitable giving across Wisconsin.

Most recently, the Packers hosted the immensely successful 2025 NFL Draft, which drew an official attendance of 605,000 and delivered a major economic boost in our region in north-east Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, as the Representative from northeastern Wisconsin and as a lifelong Packers fan, I want to thank Mark Murphy for his many years of dedicated leadership with the Green Bay Packers and wish him the very best in his retirement.

#### DISASTROUS FLOODS

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, disastrous floods, horrific floods are devastating the lives of our residents in southeast Michigan and across the Nation.

The dangers don't stop when the flooding ends. Too many of our families are denied FEMA assistance because current rules and policies don't cover repairs and reconstruction for most basements where floods are the most destructive.

Without Federal assistance, Mr. Speaker, they are forced to live in extremely unsafe conditions, being exposed to serious health risks like mold and mildew and moisture damage.

One of my residents, a 90-year-old woman, had no hot water, a broken furnace, and toxic mold in her basement.

There are people recovering from disasters, and many of them are on a fixed income. They are seniors who cannot afford the thousands of dollars in repairs to their basement.

That is why I am proud to introduce the Fix Our Flooded Basements Act to make sure that Federal disaster assistance finally covers those costs.

We must make this change so that our residents, our constituents, live in a safe home after a flood. They need to be able to rebuild their lives from these disastrous floods.

#### SIX MONTHS OF AMERICA FIRST LEADERSHIP

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, this week marks 6 months of the America First leadership under President Trump Donald Trump.

He has had innumerable accomplishments over the first half of this year and has kicked off a new golden age for our country. His strong leadership has single-handedly added over half a million jobs to the U.S. economy. Many of these jobs came back to my home State of Indiana, like the announcement from General Motors about increasing its production in the Fort Wayne truck plant.

He has brought gas prices to their lowest point since 2021 by unleashing American energy independence.

Outside of the economic impacts that have saved money for everyday Americans, President Trump has kept his commitment to protect American children and families by halting so-called gender-affirming care for children in this country.

As another testament to his impressive pace, President Trump has also signed 27 bills into law, the greatest of which, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, delivers tax cuts to American families, solidifies funding for America's Golden Dome, and defunded Planned Parenthood.

Over the past 6 months, President Trump has delivered on his promise to restore America's strength and dominance, and I look forward to continuing the fight with President Trump leading the way to ensure America's golden age lasts for decades to come.

#### RELEASE THE EPSTEIN FILES

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, in February of this year, Attorney General Pam Bondi went on national TV and told the American people that Jeffrey Epstein's client list was "sitting on my desk right now."

Why won't she release that client list?

Why won't House Republicans vote to release that list?

In fact, House Republicans are shutting down Congress early. Shortly after my speech, Congress is going to shut down until September because House Republicans want to avoid voting on releasing the Epstein files.

Why? I will tell you why.

The Wall Street Journal just confirmed that in May of this year the Department of Justice told Donald Trump to his face that he is in the unreleased Epstein files.

House Republicans are facilitating a coverup of epic proportions.

Release the Epstein files.

#### HONORING LINDA KVASAGER

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

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a notable North Dakotan, Linda Kvasager, who recently retired after 50 years of dedicated service at Valley Senior Living.

Linda began her career in elder care as a high school student at the age of just 15 and devoted five decades to helping seniors stay active, healthy, and connected.

Her work as a restorative aide supported not only the physical well-being of her residents but their dignity and independence. Colleagues describe her as a compassionate, reliable, and deeply committed person, a steady presence in a field where continuity makes the difference.

Mr. Speaker, 50 years in a role is rare, and 50 years of meaningful care is extraordinary.

Linda's legacy is a testament to the power of faithful service. She has touched countless lives, and she has made her community proud.

I congratulate Linda.

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#### HONORING DETECTIVE ANDREW WOODS

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in sadness to mourn the passing of Detective Andrew Woods of the Union County Sheriff's Office who passed away following his heroic battle against stage IV cancer.

Andrew spent his career with the Union County Sheriff's Office, starting in patrol and working his way up to detective. He was known as a man who always showed up with a smile and served as a mentor to the younger officers. He was a friend to all in the department and the community.

Andrew spent his time as a volunteer firefighter while also mentoring kids in the community who wanted to be involved in public service and law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, in his free time, Andrew spent time with his family, fishing, golfing, or watching Tennessee Vols whoop up on Alabama. Too many times, that didn't happen, Mr. Speaker.

Andrew was a person who all Americans should strive to be like. He was dedicated to serving his community. He was a good family man. He committed his time to helping children achieve their dreams of becoming law enforcement.

Andrew is truly a hero of Tennessee, Mr. Speaker.

I personally extend my condolences to Andrew's family and friends; my dear friend, Sheriff Breeding; and the entire Union County Sheriff's Department.

Our prayers go out to all of them, and may the Lord bless Andrew Woods.

#### RECOGNIZING USCG PETTY OFFICER SCOTT RUSKAN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our country's heroes, Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer Scott Ruskan.

Scott Ruskan hails from New Jersey and was an accountant at KPMG before enlisting to serve in the Coast Guard in 2021.

After joining the U.S. Coast Guard, Scott participated in and completed rescue swimmer training and was stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas.

In the early morning of July 4, Scott, along with other local and Federal first responders, was dispatched to aid in rescue efforts at Camp Mystic in Kerr County as flooding from the nearby Guadalupe River hit the camp.

Scott, while leading the Coast Guard triage at Camp Mystic, was able to save over 160 people through his efforts, including my twin granddaughters, whose birthday is today.

Scott's selflessness and bravery in the face of danger is something that we should all strive to embody.

I thank Scott for his courage and for changing the course of many families' lives, including my family. May God bless him.

#### REMEMBERING WALLACE "WALLY" CLARK RONEY

(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 rise in sadness to remember a personal friend from home in the district. Wallace Clark Roney, who everyone knows as Wally Roney, passed recently due to health issues.

Wally was a fifth-generation cattle rancher, lifelong steward of the land, and, indeed, a towering, imposing figure—a big guy in California agriculture.

Yet, that big guy, as imposing as he was, was also like a big bear cub. He loved what he did. He loved helping his neighbors. He loved helping the cattle industry and sticking up for agriculture. You won't find a better friend.

Wally and his wife, Billie Jean, are good friends of mine. As we remember him today and feel that sadness, know that his spirit of fighting for agriculture, as a fellow Cal Poly Mustang graduate, will also be remembered and appreciated.

Wally was a respected leader, of course, in his field in all those areas, blending old-school ranching with a sharp business sense and a deep understanding of land management.

Wally grew up alongside seasoned hands, learning the value of grit, responsibility, and persistence. He trained horses, rodeoed, raised cattle, and never hesitated to speak up when it was important to help preserve his industry and preserve a lifestyle not just for him but for his neighbors and everybody who depends on us as a food supply, making America stronger.

God bless Wally and his wife, Billie Jean. We will miss him. He was a good friend, and he will never be replaced but will always be remembered.

#### RECOGNIZING USAF CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JASON Q. SHAFFER

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

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a warrior of the United States Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant Jason Q. Shaffer.

Chief Shaffer embodies the mindset and diligence that is needed to defend our Nation. He entered the Air Force in March 2000 as a security forces member and has been serving for 25 years.

During his time in the Air Force, he developed an impressive background, which includes experience at varying levels in the Security Forces. He has participated in operations in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, South Asia, and the Pacific region. He is now retiring after all of that time.

Being a servicemember is tough. It is demanding, and the time spent away from your family is even harder. Yet, we can never forget to thank those who make that sacrifice.

I thank him; his wife, Tawny; and his children, Dallas, Ashlynn, and Teagan, for making sacrifices so our Nation can prosper.

Chief Jason, Aim High and have a happy retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SWIFTWATER RESCUE TEAM

(Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the brave members of the Virginia Beach Fire Department's Swiftwater Rescue Team, who were recently deployed to Texas Hill Country to support the flood rescue efforts there.

The specialized team is uniquely qualified to respond to natural disasters, having recently assisted in the rescue efforts from the October floods that occurred in western Virginia.

On July 4, the team drove 1,700 miles through the night from Virginia Beach to Texas to aid in the flood rescue efforts. In the face of tragedies like the floods in Texas, we are incredibly fortunate to have brave first responders who choose to run toward danger instead of away from it.

I will continue to pray for the safety of our first responders, as well as the victims and families affected by this horrific disaster. I am grateful that this team was able to put their expertise to use and assist in saving lives.

I am happy to hear the news that they are coming home.

#### KICKOFF OF HOOSIER HEARTLAND TOUR

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to kick off my Hoosier Heartland Tour. As this Chamber adjourns, I eagerly look forward to beginning my first summer district work period.