

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.

As I move about Indiana's Sixth District over the weeks to come, I am eager to share this time with our hard-working Hoosiers.

For 7 months, I have been working to deliver for our communities. I look forward to sharing my work and bringing details of our wins back home.

Most importantly, this time will focus on listening. I look forward to touring our local businesses, meeting with our 11 county sheriffs, visiting the many district airports I represent, and hearing from our family farmers.

This Hoosier Heartland Tour promises to encompass many meaningful conversations that will inform my work as we return in September, and I eagerly undertake it.

RECOGNIZING BRYCEN PHILLIPS

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

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, eastern Washington and Spokane are home to many heroes and champions, but I would like to speak today of one particularly exceptional young man, Brycen Phillips of Mt. Spokane High School.

Brycen was named a two-time U.S. Paralympics Track and Field High School All-American, and he is somebody who has overcome tremendous challenges.

After suffering a stroke at age 3, Brycen was left with paralysis on his right side, a condition called hemiplegia. Despite having to relearn how to walk, talk, and perform daily tasks, he never gave up.

Brycen found his competitive spirit on the track. Representing Mt. Spokane, he has won multiple State titles and competed on the national stage, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Brycen Phillips is a total stud, and the entire Congress and the entire Republic deserve to hear his story, and they now have.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 23, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1(k) of House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress, and section 4(d) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, I transmit to you notification that the following individuals each have signed an agreement not to be a candidate for the office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress for purposes of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 until at least 3 years after they are no longer a member of the

board or staff of the Office of Congressional Conduct:

Ana Mikaela Aaland.
Heejung A. Cho.
Jody B. Hice
Cheryl L. Johnson.

Copies of the signed agreements will be retained by the Office of the Clerk as part of the records of the House.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 23, 2025.

I hereby designate the period from Wednesday, July 23, 2025, through Monday, September 1, 2025, as a "district work period" under clause 13 of Rule I.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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BENEFITS OF ONE BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BAIRD), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding.

Mr. Speaker, on July Fourth, President Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act into law. This historic legislation delivered the largest tax cuts to working-and middle-class Americans in U.S. history and will revitalize rural America.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act made permanent the 199A small business tax credit, providing certainty to small businesses and ensuring Main Street can thrive.

This legislation also saves 2 million family farms, including over 6,800 family farms in my district, from facing a death tax increase. This will protect the generational transfer of family farms.

This bill also cuts down on the waste, fraud, and abuse in our Federal agencies that have made it harder and more expensive for our American people.

This bill is a win for our farmers, small businesses, and Americans in every income bracket.

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize some of the impacts the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will have on my State.

By passing the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the House Republican majority kept its promise to preserve the 2017 tax cuts and provided further relief for American families.

The White House's Council of Economic Advisers estimates the bill will raise Utah wages between \$4,300 and \$7,700 over the next 4 years, putting more money in the pockets of our hard-working Americans. Typical families with two children can also expect to see higher take-home pay in the range of \$7,900 to \$11,400.

Utah is one of the fastest-growing States in the Nation and has the highest average household size. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act increases the child tax credit to \$2,200, which will help our Utah families as they continue to grow. Without the bill's passage, the child tax credit would have dropped to just \$1,000 per child. I am glad this bill invests in the future of our families, not just in Utah but all over the country.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act also helps hardworking Americans by cutting taxes on overtime pay. Around 22 percent of all employees in Utah regularly work overtime and could benefit from this tax break.

The bill also cuts taxes on tips. Whether you are a waitress earning tips or a nurse working overtime, this legislation will make sure that your hard-earned money stays where it belongs: in your pocket.

The legislation also benefits those who give to charitable causes, including tithes or religious contributions, allowing individuals who do not itemize their deductions to claim charitable deductions.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act delivers historic tax relief for seniors. This legislation ensures that nearly 90 percent of Social Security beneficiaries will no longer pay Federal income taxes on their benefits.

In Utah alone, around 400,000 seniors could benefit from the no taxes on Social Security provision of this bill. Our seniors have spent their lifetimes contributing to our Nation's economy, and House Republicans are glad to provide them relief through this bill.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act will also help Utahns in ways beyond tax credits. It will help rural Utah by boosting Utah's energy sector due to provisions slashing the bureaucratic red tape associated with permitting delays and by restarting oil, gas, and coal leases. This will create thousands of jobs in Utah.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act also helps Utahns by reauthorizing the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, also known as RECA, for another 2 years following its expiration last year. RECA authorization will compensate Utahns who were exposed to radiation after the aboveground atomic testing