

voting laws, and inspired the next generation of leaders.

Mary Perry's story is one of perseverance and courage. We will proudly carry her legacy with us in the challenges ahead.

ORLAND PROJECT IN GLENN COUNTY

(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, in my northern California district in Glenn County, there is a water district called the Orland Project. It was built to capture and store water, yet outdated Federal laws tie our hands on how it can be used.

Right now, those supplies can only be transferred to the Central Valley if the Governor declares a drought emergency. That restriction makes no sense as water isn't as flexibly used as it could be.

In most years, surplus water is sitting behind a Federal dam while farms just down the road are short and our aquifers are getting pumped harder and harder to make up the difference from the surface water.

If we don't start pulling down these Federal roadblocks, then more water will keep going to waste just running out to the sea and not being used.

My legislation, the Orland Project Water Management Act, is a simple fix. It allows that water to be moved whenever it is available, not just during emergencies or when the Governor feels like it. There is no new construction and no extra costs, just smarter use of what we already have.

It is really, in terms of government, a no-brainer bill that supports agriculture, protects groundwater, and improves reliability.

Why don't we build in the flexibility to move the water where it is needed instead of just wasting it out to the ocean.

HONORING MARC FISHER

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marc Fisher, a constituent of mine who has spent more than 35 years leading our Jewish community in Cincinnati.

For the past 13 years, Marc has served as CEO of the Mayerson JCC. He has worked incredibly hard for the community in which he grew up, and because of his leadership, the J has thrived. Membership grew. Early childhood and senior programs expanded, and partnerships flourished. During the pandemic, the J was a reliable source of strength and connection.

That is what Marc brought to this work: a true effort to make sure everyone could find a place in our community.

He will retire at the end of the year, but the impact he has had will last for a very long time.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Marc for all he has done for the Mayerson JCC and for all of southwest Ohio.

REDISTRICTING

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, President Trump has called on several Republican Governors to redistrict congressional districts no matter what the cost to fairness, voter inclusion, or proper geographic representation.

If his big, beautiful, ugly bill and its related policies were so popular, then he wouldn't need to do this. Cutting Medicaid for rural hospitals and food programs for the needy isn't so popular after all. His irrational tariff policies are backfiring. If his backtracking on environmental progress, threats to Social Security and VA benefits weren't creating a grassroots pushback, then this wouldn't be necessary. The unpopularity of his policies should lose him the tightfisted control of this House.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot box following the Marquess of Queensberry rules of fair and impartial districting while the World Wrestling Federation rules allow you to hit your opponent over the head with a chair.

This is a desperate power grab by a President whose agenda has failed the American people. We cannot let gerrymandering silence voters. Democracy demands fairness, and we must fight for it.

HONORING HARI VADLAMUDI

(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, I rise today to honor the life of Hari Vadlamudi, a husband, dad, and beloved member of the Loudoun County community who tragically passed away in July.

Hari was deeply respected through his professional work in the IT field and through his service. He was the treasurer of HealUSA, a nonprofit organization that supports thousands of underprivileged children in India.

He was known by many as a proud volleyball dad. He was always the loudest one in the Broad Run High School gym cheering on his daughters.

Hari had a reputation for always going above and beyond for his family, friends, and community. Hari Vadlamudi's memory will live on and leave a lasting impact on all those who were lucky to know him.

May he rest in peace.

HONORING IGNACIO "ZIGGY" GONZALEZ

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Ignacio Gonzalez, whom we lovingly called Ziggy, a beloved son of Detroit.

Ziggy was a proud veteran and dedicated educator. He lived a remarkable life of 94 years.

Born in 1930, Ziggy served in the United States Air Force before returning home to raise a family and dedicate his life to teaching and coaching.

As a beloved educator at Western International High School, Mr. G inspired countless students with his humor, wisdom, and unshakeable belief in their potential.

Ziggy was also the heart and soul of Clark Park, where he got the name Mr. Clark Park, and built hockey and baseball programs that gave young people a place to play and belong.

His love of family, sports, community, and music, especially jazz, reflected the very best of Detroit.

The 12th Congressional District extends our love to his wife and loved ones as we celebrate his life and commitment to carrying forward his legacy.

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BIDDING FAREWELL TO OFFICER SUZANNE O

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, last week, I joined our Maui "ohana"; "family," law enforcement, and officials from across Hawaii as we bid farewell to Suzanne O, a beloved member of the Maui Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty, the first for our department in 26 years.

Raised in American Samoa and a graduate of Farrington High School, Officer O hoped to be a role model for other Pacific Islander girls, and she was. One of those girls, her niece Oleya, spoke at her memorial, calling her aunty "my favorite, beautiful police officer" and asking her to visit her in her dreams.

Officer O was a proud member of the MPD Honor Guard, and she received a certificate of merit for her heroic efforts during the Maui wildfires.

In a final act of "aloha"; "love and fellowship," 911 dispatchers issued a special broadcast across all channels: "She embodied skill, tenacity, courage, and compassion in all she did. We are all better for having known her. Employee number: 30881; Call sign: One-Alpha-30; Officer: Suzanne O; end of watch: August 15, 2025."

As Officer O watches over us now from above, we will do our very best to serve, live, and lead like she did.

IN DEFENSE OF LISA COOK

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Lisa Cook. She is a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve. I rise to support her because there is an attempt to fire her if she does not retire or resign.

This attempt that has been made is because the President of the United States wants to take over the Federal Reserve. This is our central bank with responsibility for determining the interest rates, short-term interest rates.

We cannot allow the President of the United States to own, dictate, and tell the Federal Reserve what they can and cannot do. If he gets rid of Lisa Cook, he will have control of the central bank.

What he will do is insist on interest rates going down, but what people do not understand is this will cause inflation to rise.

This President has interfered with law firms and sued them. He has interfered with our educational institutions, threatening their funding if they do not do what they are told.

This now is a wannabe what? Taking over the central bank in order to determine the entire economy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me and support Lisa Cook and Chair Powell at the central bank.

CONNECTING WITH CONSTITUENTS

(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, my highest priority remains connecting with constituents. I traveled to all 22 counties in NC-01, making over 40 stops and holding over 70 events in August. We hosted seven listening sessions to hear from our constituents, connecting with so many voices in our communities. It was insightful.

Many constituents voiced concerns about H.R. 1 and its potential impact on healthcare delivery, especially in our rural areas.

Serious discussions took place regarding the future of Martin General Hospital as a vital rural emergency hospital and the need for a farm bill.

We wrapped up a productive August welcoming students back to school. I feel genuinely honored to bring the voices of the residents of eastern North Carolina back to Washington, D.C.

RESTORING FOOD AID

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the 34th time to call on the Trump administration to restore lifesaving food aid for malnourished children.

As a reminder, in January, the Trump administration stopped funding for emergency food aid that had been appropriated by Congress. Since then, despite saying all the right things, that the funding is going to be restored, that the shipments are going to start again, they continue to drag their feet.

Edesia Nutrition, in my district, manufactures some of that food aid designed to help starving children get back to health. After 8 months, thousands of boxes are still sitting in a warehouse in Rhode Island instead of getting to kids who are starving to death.

Now, the administration finally awarded a contract a few weeks ago, after 8 months of delays, but the company has still not been told where to ship to.

Where is the urgency? Children are dying. Step after step, the administration has dragged its feet in restarting the program that they cut off back in January.

I will keep speaking out every day until the administration honors its word. Ship the product. Save lives.

AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE THE TRUTH

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, release the Epstein files. The American people deserve the truth. The President promised the release of the Epstein files, and yet very rich and powerful interests are still working to bury them.

Who are they protecting? Are they protecting the Washington elite, the billionaires, the politicians, the establishment class that think they are above the law? Maybe they are even protecting the President himself?

We won't know for sure unless and until the President honors his promise to release the entirety of the files immediately.

No one is above the law, not the rich, not the well connected, not those who abuse the vulnerable and hide behind their privilege.

The victims deserve justice. Our citizenry deserves transparency. Our democracy demands accountability. Every day these files remain hidden is another day the elites laugh at the American people.

I call on the Trump administration and its Department of Justice to release all the Epstein files unaltered.

I call on each of my colleagues to not shield the powerful. Shine the light on the truth. That is the least we owe the violated victims and the very least we owe our Nation: Truth. Release the files.

RELEASE EPSTEIN FILES

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, what Members of the Democratic Caucus are doing to my right is signing a discharge petition to release the Epstein files.

They need to be released because the American public wants to see them. The fact that so many people in power don't want them released says there is something there that smells.

What smells is the fact that children, girls, were raped and sexually abused. The people who did it don't want it revealed to the American public.

We need to be open and transparent. If there are perverts among the leadership, they need to be exposed, because the American people do not respect that and will not respect anybody that engaged in that kind of conduct.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to sign the petition. I hope everybody signs the petition, and we get an unredacted copy of the files.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 547

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. MCCORMICK) as cosponsor from H. Res. 547. A mistake was made in terms of names.

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

There was no objection.

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PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mrs. MCCLAIN of Michigan was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MCCLAIN. 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 Michigan?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans take the floor today to share the stories of hardworking Americans who will benefit from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

All of us spent the August district work period speaking with our constituents. At least, on the Republican side, we actually spoke to our constituents. We heard countless stories about how the One Big Beautiful Bill Act actually delivers wins for them: bigger paychecks, more jobs, safer communities, and a whole lot more.

Today's Special Order hour will focus on them, the American people. I will use this hour to highlight their stories. From Michiganders in the Ninth District to the coast of California, every corner of America benefits from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. That is exactly what we will hear today.