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#### ARREST OF WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call out the Trump administration for their arrest and unconstitutional treatment of my constituent.

Last week, my constituent was working as a wildland firefighter to combat the Bear Gulch fire when CBP stopped his crew and arrested him.

He was brought to the United States when he was just 4 years old. The United States is the only home he knows.

For the past 3 years, he has bravely served as a wildland firefighter, putting his life on the line to protect us.

Arresting a firefighter who is actively fighting a wildfire does not make our community safer. For roughly 48 hours after his arrest, the Trump administration violated my constituent's constitutional rights. Despite requesting a phone call and his attorney, he was denied.

Let me be clear. Immigrants deserve to be treated with dignity. The Constitution deserves to be followed. Communities deserve safety from wildfires. First responders deserve to do their jobs unimpeded. Anything less is a slap in the face to the values we share as Americans.

#### RECOGNIZING SMARTY JONES

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, although I am originally from Babylon, New York, like a few in the gallery today, Pennsylvania is home to a champion horse known as Smarty Jones.

I rise today to celebrate one of the great horses our Commonwealth has ever produced. Born and bred at Roy and Patricia Chapman's Someday Farm in Chester County, Smarty Jones was not just a racehorse. He was a Pennsylvania champion horse.

In 2004, he captivated the Nation, winning the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes, and coming within a single length of the Triple Crown at the Belmont Stakes.

Last month, Smarty Jones was inducted into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame.

Today, thanks to Rodney and Sharon Eckenrode, he continues to stand at Equistar Training and Breeding Center in Lebanon County.

I look forward to visiting Smarty this weekend for an event my good friend Chairman G.T. THOMPSON is hosting.

Smarty's story is proof that when you are Pennsylvania-bred, you are built to win.

#### RECOGNIZING ROBERT UPTON

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Robert Upton, a Culpeper native who is training to join the U.S. Navy Submarine Force.

Robert is currently a student at the Naval Submarine School, training to serve as a sonar technician. Once he graduates, Robert will serve aboard or in support of a Navy submarine.

Robert is inspired by his father, who was in the Army, and his grandfather, who was in the Marines during the Vietnam war.

As a 25-year Army veteran and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I know just how much our servicemembers sacrifice to serve this country. That is why, this week, I am recognizing Robert as Constituent of the Week.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Robert for his service and sacrifice now and into the future for this Nation. In Congress, I will always work to deliver for servicemembers like Robert.

#### PASSING BILLS WITH 51 VOTES IN SENATE

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I think it is important that all conservative opinion makers be aware of one of the controversies that is going on here right now.

The United States is over \$37 trillion in debt. You may hear from your local Congressman that all sorts of things can't be done because we have a 60-vote rule in the U.S. Senate, and we can't pass many bills without the 60 votes, including the big appropriation bills that have to pass every year.

However, once a year, and due to a quirk, three times in the 2 years that this body is elected, we will have a chance to pass a bill with only 51 votes in the Senate. That is what we just did with regard to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Obviously, there should be more changes to this government. There are people right now in this building who would like to have us not take advantage of the provision to pass any bill with 51 votes for the next year and 4 months. That is horrible.

I hope conservative commentators are all over this. I hope they are asking any Congressmen if they really think we should waste the opportunities to pass bills with 51 percent or with 51 votes.

#### HONORING PAUL KAWATA

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, the United States Conference on AIDS is taking place right now in Washington, D.C., and I rise to honor Paul Kawata, who is retiring after 37 years of extraordinary service as executive director of the National Minority AIDS Council, making him the longest serving leader of a national HIV/AIDS organization in the United States.

Paul's vision transformed NMAC into a nationally recognized force for racial justice and health equity in the fight against HIV/AIDS and ensured that LGBTQ people, people living with HIV, and communities of color were visible in this epidemic.

Paul was a founding member of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership, helped to drive the creation of the national HIV/AIDS strategy, and worked with me when I created the Minority AIDS Initiative back in 1998.

A proud Japanese American, Paul Kawata's legacy is not only found in the landmark policies he shaped, but in the thousands of lives he touched, the leaders he mentored, and the communities he uplifted across the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Paul Kawata.

#### ENERGY AND WATER CUTS

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

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, moments ago in this Chamber, a very important piece of legislation was passed by one vote. It was the appropriation bill for energy and water.

We would do well to understand what was actually in that bill: money to deal with the climate, removed; money to deal with new energy sources, renewable energy sources, removed; energy efficiency, removed.

Where did the money go? It went into nuclear weapons programs, the Sentinel program. Over \$200 billion will be spent replacing the Minuteman III missile. Why? Why are we doing that? Why are we putting more money into plutonium pit production? Why do we have a new useless rocket that we want to put on a submarine? Why are we doing that?

On the water side of this, the Army Corps of Engineers, money was removed for flood protection, levies, and infrastructure around the Nation.

We would do well to understand the values of the Republicans who voted for this and the Democrats. We are looking to the future, and the Republicans are looking to the past.

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REMEMBER MAYOR HENRY  
EBERLE

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

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, Henry Eberle, better known as "Mayor Hank," served as the mayor of Ridley Park for 28 years before his death last month at the age of 91.

From student council president at Sharon Hill High to a standout athlete at Franklin & Marshall College where he was inducted in the hall of fame, Hank was a born leader.

Hank raised a family in "Delco," where he became an executive at Sun Company and was active with his church and local civic groups.

In retirement, he visited every national park in the continental U.S. during dozens of cross-country road trips. Hank will long be remembered as a quintessential small-town mayor. As mayor of Ridley Park, he showed up at every community event, emceeding the Fourth of July parade in his trademark top hat and striped socks, greeting neighbors at the farmers market and Victorian Fair, and officiating at over 100 weddings.

He was a tireless advocate for revitalization of Ridley Park's business district and rebuilding the Sellers Avenue bridge.

Mayor Hank's humor, humility, and purpose will be deeply missed across our community.

CONGRATULATING MIKE  
FOUNTAIN ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a dedicated public servant from California's 31st District. Assistant Fire Chief Mike Fountain has served the community of West Covina and the West Covina Fire Department since 1995.

Over his 30-year distinguished career, he has served as a firefighter, paramedic, fire captain, and assistant fire chief. He has worked tirelessly to ensure the community has the medical supplies and equipment it needs at all times.

His impact on the community extends well beyond the firehouse walls. Mr. Fountain committed countless hours to mentoring newly minted firefighters and leading the firefighters' union as president.

Through his example, Mike Fountain has shown us what leadership is all about. Mike has ensured the readiness of the West Covina Fire Department and made the firefighters and the community a top priority. That community is safer because of his work.

Mr. Speaker, we congratulate Mr. Fountain on an incredible career and a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRY  
HULL FARR

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Harry Hull Farr, a lifelong resident of the DMV whose service and achievements left a lasting impact on our community and country.

I lift him up particularly because he personified the American Dream. He was a citizen of relentless hard work and integrity and one who believed in the need of communities to come together for the common good, something we need more of today.

Born in 1925, Harry Hull Farr proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II, where he worked at the PhotoScience Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia, as a photographer mate 3rd Class.

Harry regarded work as a privilege. He built a career as a photographer and then founded the highly successful Harry H. Farr & Company, an investment and appraisal business and employer.

He was the finest example of the Greatest Generation, devoted to his country, his family, and a belief that no challenge is beyond our capabilities or our worth.

Our family was honored to know Harry's family. I extend my deepest condolences to children Julia, Michael, Mary Joyce, and Stephanie and his 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

May his memory be a blessing and a reminder to all of us of a life well-lived.

REMEMBERING JUDGE FRANK  
CAPRIO

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

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late, great Judge Frank Caprio. In his decades on the bench and his iconic work on "Caught in Providence," he left a lasting impact.

Born in Providence in 1936 to Italian immigrants, Judge Caprio graduated from Central High School, served in the Army National Guard, taught American Government at Hope High School, got his law degree, and raised five children with his wife of 60 years, Joyce.

Whether dismissing parking tickets for those in need or teaching children about the courtroom, Judge Caprio proved justice and kindness go hand in hand.

Last week at his funeral, I joined thousands of Rhode Islanders and countless people around the world mourning Judge Caprio's passing. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and all those who loved him. I will conclude with Judge Caprio's own words.

"You don't need power or a title to make the world better, just compassion and the courage to act on it."

In his memory, we should all spread a little kindness today.

HIGHLIGHTING THE LAPSE IN  
SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS FUNDING

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

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, on behalf New Mexico's Second District, I rise to highlight the dire financial situation many rural communities face because of the lapse in Secure Rural Schools funding.

For over 20 years, Congress has used SRS to support rural areas where national forests limit the local tax revenue. This funding has been a vital lifeline, helping rural communities pay for essential services like schools and roads.

Since SRS funding expired in 2024, these areas now face impossible choices like laying off beloved teachers, cutting back to 4-day school weeks, and deferring critical road maintenance that emergency responders rely on.

Last year, New Mexico lost \$9 million alone. I just met with a bipartisan group of county officials and educators back home. Their message was clear. Without this funding, rural communities are in crisis. We must act now.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act so that rural communities in New Mexico and across the country are not forgotten and left behind without access to basic needs.

## LAUNCHING FORO CAMPUS

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

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, I visited the Ponce Health Sciences University and the Pontifical Catholic University in Ponce, Puerto Rico. We launched Foro Campus, an initiative to visit universities and to listen about the impact that the big, ugly bill is having on students' futures.

What I found was not celebration. Instead, it was anxiety. I listened to students who face uncertainty over their ability to go to graduate school due to changes in Federal funding for student loan programs. I listened to students who are anxious due to changes to the repayment programs of Federal student loan programs.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue visiting these universities. I will continue collecting these stories and anecdotes so that Congress takes note and eventually takes action. We need more and better education and not less.