

Wellness Center. She actively drives around town and takes great pride, too, in her yard that she beautifully maintains.

Here is another secret: She starts the day with a bowl of oatmeal.

Her spirited enthusiasm extends to her spiritual life, as well, where she sings in the New Ahoskie Baptist Church choir.

She believes in eating right, exercising, and trusting in God. Ms. Alberta is the ideal of longevity and resilience, inspiring us to embrace life with purpose, gratitude, and a zest for living.

She truly represents the heart and soul of eastern North Carolina, and we love her.

MOURNING THE DEATH IRYNA ZARUTSKA

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

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Iryna Zarutskia fled war-torn Ukraine and came here for safety, but America failed her.

Iryna was brutally stabbed to death while riding on a Charlotte light rail. In a horrific attack caught on camera, her throat was cut by a violent, serial criminal with 14 prior arrests.

Why was this violent criminal let out without bond by a liberal judge?

This incident reflects a broader crisis unfolding across our Nation, where soft-on-crime policies allow dangerous criminals to evade accountability. Democrats and their media enable this by standing with criminals. Notice how mainstream media has failed to even mention Iryna's name.

America failed her, and we must ensure it does not fail others like her. Together, we can honor Iryna's memory by building a safer, stronger America, one where no 23-year-old woman has to live in fear of being stabbed by a repeat offender who appears to just be a random stranger sitting behind her on the train.

NATIONAL GUARD IN PORTLAND

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

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, today I am here to stand up for Oregon. Just before the weekend, the President spouted off some nonsense about deploying the National Guard to Portland. As we have seen in D.C., L.A., and now Boston, it is an unwelcome occupation.

The President is wasting our troops' time and the country's money to play cops and robbers for his ego.

Now, if he wants to send Federal resources to help our State, then how about he invests in our schools instead of cutting the Department of Education?

How about he sends funding that we can use to provide high-quality childcare to every child and family, to build more affordable housing, and to clean up the Superfund site on the Willamette River?

Mr. Speaker, if the President actually wants to help Oregonians, then he should focus on his failing economic policies that are hurting Americans and raising our costs.

We got us.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HURD of Colorado). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

THE BRUTAL MURDER OF IRYNA ZARUTSKA

(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 with great sadness and outrage at what happened to this beautiful, true refugee from Ukraine who made it to this country. She escaped that war-torn situation and found refuge in America, as it should be.

Her life was viciously taken in the city of Charlotte on the light rail system there by a guy who had been let out 14 different times by different judges.

The system failed her, and the system is failing a lot of people, so I don't quite understand why, when President Trump or others are trying to up the game on trying to enforce the law in our cities with extra resources, there is so much opposition there.

This beautiful life is gone unnecessarily.

What is the Governor down in North Carolina, Josh Stein, doing?

He didn't even want to acknowledge it until they finally got so much heat and pressure on that. Of course, the mayor there in Charlotte wanted to sympathize with the killer.

Now, where is the press coverage on this?

A certain guy in Minnesota years ago got way more press coverage. It is the wrong narrative? The wrong narrative, is that what it is?

PROTECTING FARMERS' DATA

(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 talk about something that is simple but essential: trust, trust in our government to do the right thing and fulfill its fiduciary duty.

When farmers apply for a loan or disaster aid, they are not just filling out forms. They are opening their homes, finances, and their futures to the Federal Government.

As the daughter of an Idaho potato farmer, I know how sacred that trust

is, and I spent most of my legal career protecting kids and their privacy online.

However, recent reporting of unauthorized access by DOGE to USAID systems has shaken faith in public trust. To this day, we still don't know who accessed that data, what they did with it, or whether it was shared with third parties.

Our farmers deserve answers. That is why I introduced the Protecting Agricultural Borrower Information Act, to safeguard the most sensitive financial information held by USDA and its Farm Service Agency.

It is not just about data. It is about respect. This bill keeps promises to rural communities, restores accountability, and strengthens the fiduciary bond between citizens and government.

Farmers feed our country. The least we can do is to protect their privacy. I urge my colleagues to stand with me.

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CHARLOTTE LIGHT RAIL MURDER

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

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening with a heavy heart because Iryna Zarutskia should still be alive.

She fled Ukraine seeking safety and freedom. Instead, she was stabbed to death in a Charlotte light rail car by a 14-time criminal who should never have been back on the streets. In fact, this person had skipped bond on three occasions in the past.

Leftist politicians and judges who have enabled this violent repeat offender to walk have blood on their hands.

As the Representative of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, I am not going stay silent while innocent people pay the price for broken bail policies and soft-on-crime judges.

That is why I am proud to co-lead Chairwoman STEFANIK's Keeping Violent Offenders Off Our Streets Act, which will make it harder for violent criminals to slip through the cracks and walk free without proper review. In fact, it may even hold Federal funds away from local governments that refuse to follow the law and allow these soft-on-crime policies.

Folks in Charlotte and folks throughout this entire country deserve to feel safe. The system failed Iryna. If we don't fix it now, it will fail again.

TRUMP MUST REVERSE COURSE

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise as the ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on South and Central Asia to sound the

alarm about the deterioration of our strategic partnership with India at the hands of Donald Trump.

As two major democracies and economies, U.S.-India cooperation is essential to advancing our mutual interests and confronting our shared competitors.

President Biden took the relationship to new heights, strengthening collaboration on defense, strategic technologies, and the Quad.

In mere months, Trump's reckless foreign policy style has unraveled decades of progress, suddenly slapping India with 50 percent tariffs because his fragile ego was so triggered.

Republicans have refused to go to bat for the U.S.-India relationship when it really matters, beholden to their MAGA isolationist base.

This partnership is too important to be sacrificed by Trump's ego and Republican complicity. Trump must reverse course, make a deal, and fix the damage that he has caused. He needs to get his act together on behalf of this country and our relationship with India.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

FAILED SOCIAL EXPERIMENT BACKFIRING ON OUR COMMUNITIES

(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, I, too, rise today in regard to the latest stabbing on the Charlotte Area Transit System of Iryna Zarutskya. It is just the latest awful example of what has gone wrong with our criminal justice system.

Mr. Speaker, today, I felt compelled to tell my daughters to be careful.

This suspect had been arrested 14 times, including for violent offenses. Despite this record, mental health issues, and skipping bond, a Democrat judge—happened to be Democrat—released him back into the streets after his arrest in January.

Police do their jobs, but ideological prosecutors and judges refuse to do theirs.

This is not justice. It is a failed social experiment backfiring on our communities. We see it time and time again.

In D.C., police recently arrested a carjacking suspect who laughed in their faces saying: I have been in the D.C. jail six times for this warrant. I will be out tomorrow because the victims never show up. That is the mentality of this broken system, and it emboldens criminals.

President Trump is proving there is another way, using all the resources available to protect innocent people.

Mr. Speaker, we need to support these efforts. We need to bring law and

order to our streets. The American people deserve protection, not excuses.

FULTON COUNTY FAIR

(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, I rise today to talk about a treasured northwest Ohio tradition in Ohio's Ninth District, the Fulton County Fair.

It is the second largest fair in the State of Ohio, which has 88 counties, surpassed only by the State fair. Hallelujah, Fulton County. I was honored to spend the day there recently with residents and visitors from other counties.

I was able to listen to farmers and veterans at the hallowed Veterans bean dinner and people both young and old from far and wide. The show barns were full of animals and people, and the weather was heavenly.

I spoke with constituents from six of the eight counties I represent and got a famous Fulton County Dairy Association milkshake, a farm-fresh cheeseburger, and got to meet hundreds from across the vast northwestern Ohio region I represent and beyond, even Michigan.

The Fulton County Fair welcomed a record 180,000 visitors over the opening weekend.

Last but truly not least, I spent time speaking with the dedicated director of the Fulton County Farm Bureau, Roy Norman. I learned about some of the great soil and conservation work being done in this mighty, hardworking county.

Let me invite all visitors from our region and across our country to check out the Fulton County Fair next year. Set up your campers. You won't be disappointed. Onward, Fulton County.

HONORING DONALD MCPHERSON

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of American hero Donald McPherson of Adams, Nebraska, who sadly passed away last month as our Nation's last surviving World War II Ace fighter pilot.

In his F6F Hellcat, Mr. McPherson directly faced our enemies in the skies to defend our country and preserve our liberty, shooting down five enemy aircraft while stationed aboard the USS Essex in the Pacific.

He earned three distinguished Flying Crosses and four Air Medals. In 2015, I proudly congratulated Mr. McPherson on receiving the Congressional Gold Medal for his valiant service to our country.

After his wartime service, Mr. McPherson was a dedicated volunteer with the VFW, American Legion, his local church, and youth baseball and

softball leagues. He also served as Scoutmaster for Troop 280.

The legacies of our selfless military heroes, certainly including Mr. McPherson, must be celebrated and protected for future generations to understand the true cost of freedom.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's Third District, I thank Mr. McPherson for his service to our country and extend my condolences to his family.

WE ALL BELONG IN AMERICA

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am Latina. I am a citizen, and I speak Spanish.

My family has been in "Nuevo"; "New" Mexico for 17 generations.

Today, ICE can now detain me if they hear me talking to my "tia"; "aunt" saying something like:

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

As of today, the Supreme Court has put latinos in danger of being detained by ICE.

They have given them permission to detain any person who looks latino, speaks with an accent, or works a humble job.

Instead of protecting its people, this government has just sentenced millions of latinos to live in fear.

We'll see more fathers handcuffed in front of their children, and workers detained while they harvest our food.

We now have to carry our passports, as if being latino were a crime.

This is the kind of racism that goes hand-in-hand with fascism.

Hoy, la Corte Suprema puso a todos los latinos en peligro de ser detenidos por ICE.

Les dieron permiso de detener a cualquier persona que parezca latina, hable con acento, o tenga un trabajo humilde.

En vez de proteger a su gente, este gobierno acaba de condenar a millones de latinos a vivir con miedo.

Veremos más padres esposados frente a sus hijos, y trabajadores detenidos mientras cosechan nuestra comida.

Ahora tenemos que cargar nuestros pasaportes, como si ser latino fuera un crimen.

Esto es el racismo que va mano a mano con el facismo.

In my America, we all belong. In Trump's America, we do not.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from New Mexico will provide a translation of her remarks to the Clerk.

PRAYERS FOR IRYNA ZARUTSKA

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

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. I ask this