

Eastern Washington Attorney General's office before cofounding the respected law firm, Reed & Giesa.

Roger was so much more than his resume. He was a history buff with a personal library focused on the Civil War. He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He loved Elvis, Jackie Robinson, rhubarb, and reading the newspaper.

Roger Reed was a great man, a great friend, and we honor his legacy.

COMMENDING ACTIVE4YOUTH

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, as the father of five, with my youngest daughter attending her very first cross-country practice today, I rise to commend the remarkable work of Active4Youth, a community-supported nonprofit that is transforming lives in Spokane.

Mr. Speaker, we have too many fat kids in America, and we need to get more of them out running cross-country.

Founded 25 years ago by local teacher Heidi Bresson and her husband, Mike, Active4Youth brings free cross-country programs to as many as 6,000 elementary students each fall. In a city where many families face economic hardship, this may be the only chance some children have to wear a uniform, be part of a team, and to feel that sense of belonging.

This is not a school-funded program. It exists because individuals in our communities step up. It is working. Research from Washington State University shows Active4Youth participants have better attendance and significantly higher achievement in both math and language.

This is more than running. It is physical activity, academic support, community connection, and character development all in one.

Mr. Speaker, as we begin a new school year, let us recognize the power of programs like Active4Youth to change lives.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CALIFORNIA

(Ms. RIVAS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, happy birthday to the greatest State in the Union. Mr. Speaker, 175 years ago, California was admitted as the 31st State in the Union.

For 175 years, California was built by people from across the globe who came in search of a better life. This includes my mother, who immigrated to the San Fernando Valley in the 1960s and worked multiple jobs so that my sister and I could live out the American Dream.

Stories like mine are what make California great, and it is what has made California special for the past 175 years. Generations of immigrants, workers, dreamers, and innovators have propelled California forward and made it a beacon for the rest of the Nation.

Those advancements did not come without challenges, and communities across our State currently face threats to their livelihoods that directly challenge our State's values.

Because of the Trump administration, many in my district and across the State live under fear that ICE will tear their family apart.

In just 9 months, Trump has manufactured a crisis that harms our most vulnerable, including students starting a new school year, senior citizens, young children, and disabled individuals. He is detaining hardworking individuals who are in this country legally and providing for their families so they, too, can have a chance at their American Dream.

I know California, and Californians are tough and resilient. Last month, I met with Mariela from Panorama City. Mariela stepped up to support her family and neighbors because street vendors like her mom are terrified that she may be swept up by ICE and separated from her family.

Mariela's resiliency and advocacy for others in the face of Donald Trump's harmful anti-immigrant agenda embodies the spirit of California and what it means to be a Californian.

I am a proud Californian from the San Fernando Valley raised by an immigrant mother, lifted by my community, and inspired every day by the people of this State.

For 175 years, immigrants, workers, dreamers, and innovators made California a leader in the country. As we celebrate California's 175th birthday, let's recommit ourselves to protecting our most vulnerable and protecting a future where every family has what they need to thrive.

HONORING BRUCE E. MCKEE

(Mr. BAIRD of Indiana was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bruce E. McKee, a constituent from Morgan County who served our country as a member of the United States Air Force from 1979 to 1986, including serving overseas in Korea.

Bruce McKee has demonstrated outstanding service by supporting veterans in our Morgan County communities. Bruce founded the Indiana Spirit of '45, focused on remembering veterans of the Greatest Generation.

In December of 2012, McKee and the Indiana Spirit of '45 started Taps on the Square to honor fallen veterans and law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Taps on the Square continues, rain or shine, in downtown Martinsville. McKee also works with the Battle Buddies group to support veterans struggling with reentering civilian life or PTSD.

As a veteran myself, I am grateful for the work Bruce is doing to support fellow veterans and servicemembers in our district.

REMEMBERING 9/11

(Mr. GOLDMAN of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, 24 years ago, the United States was attacked on its own soil in a coordinated terrorist attack by a group that opposed democracy and everything that this country stands for.

On that day, nearly 3,000 Americans were killed in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in the deadliest terrorist attack ever committed on American soil.

Living in lower Manhattan at the time, less than a mile from the World Trade Center, I remember that day as if it were yesterday. It was a perfect September morning, not unlike today, not a cloud in the sky, and the air was warm but crisp.

I remember hearing with my own ears the explosion of the second plane slamming into the South Tower, which soon collapsed and was then followed by the North Tower.

I remember the sirens blaring as brave first responders ran toward Ground Zero to save whomever they could.

I remember watching thousands of people walking up the street covered in soot and ash in total silence.

I remember the ambulances lined up along the West Side Highway hoping to be called upon but ultimately just sitting there in line for days. I remember the rancid smell in the air, which lasted for weeks.

As anyone who lived in New York City on September 11, 2001, can tell you, those images, those sounds, those smells, that feeling never leaves you.

For months, brave patriots worked 24 hours a day to search for bodies and clean up the massive pile of debris. The government told them that the air was safe to breathe, but it was not.

That toxic air settled in the lungs and the bodies of firefighters, police officers, construction workers, and ordinary New Yorkers who lived nearby and stayed to rebuild our city. Those toxins in the air have resulted in health problems for tens of thousands of Americans.

Today, more people have died from 9/11-related illnesses than were killed on that one awful day. Survivors and first responders continue to receive diagnoses of cancer, respiratory diseases, and autoimmune disorders that were caused by their exposure to the air at Ground Zero.

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It seems almost silly to say, but the very least that this country can do for those people who suffer today from health problems that they got from rebuilding New York City after such a devastating terrorist attack would be to make sure that their healthcare, at a minimum, is paid for.

How can we say "never forget" if we ignore the health problems of the very survivors and first responders who sacrificed so much on that terrible day and the days and weeks that followed?

More than a decade ago, Congress took action to make good on that promise, that patriotic obligation, by creating the World Trade Center Health Program, but today, that promise is in jeopardy.

The number of first responders and survivors diagnosed with 9/11-linked cancers has ballooned to nearly 50,000 people as of this year, a new record. When the law was passed and funded, nobody expected nearly as many survivors to encounter serious health problems from their exposure to toxins in Lower Manhattan.

Rather than create a formula that automatically funds the program commensurate with the costs endured by those suffering from 9/11-related illnesses, Congress has instead just continued to fund the program for a year or a couple of years at a time, creating uncertainty and fear for many who depend on that program for their life-saving treatment.

Every year, we must push for additional funding, supported by advocates who come to the Capitol to ensure that Congress never forgets and does right by these Americans suffering from serious health problems. It should not be this way.

As I stand here today, my bill, which would permanently and fully fund the World Trade Center Health Program, is awaiting a vote on the floor. It is bipartisan, as it should be, because those terrorists did not differentiate between Democrats and Republicans that day. Those New Yorkers who ran to save their neighbors and who rebuilt our city did not do it because they were Democrats or Republicans. They sacrificed because they were, and are, Americans, and this body must pass this bill.

LAUNCHING GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICA

(Mr. BEAN of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, William Shakespeare asked: "What's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet." He may have been speaking about the flower, but, Mr. Speaker, he could very easily have been talking about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act because no matter what you call it, its impact is just as sweet.

I spent the last several weeks visiting factories and businesses of all sizes in northeast Florida, visiting with constituents and taxpayers about what they thought about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and it made me ask: What should we call it?

Some say it should be called the peace through strength bill because it modernizes America's military and ensures our Nation stands tall in the face of global uncertainty. Others call it the border bill because it finishes the wall, strengthens enforcement, and invests in the infrastructure needed to restore order and integrity to our immigration

system. Some say it should be called the strengthening Medicaid bill because it protects Medicaid for those who really need it most, pregnant women, children, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income families, by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse.

Mr. Speaker, I can't deny that a crowd favorite is calling it the working families tax cut bill because it delivers the largest tax cut in American history. It puts money back in the pockets of people who need it most: people who rely on tips and overtime and people living on Social Security. It lifts burdens off the backs of working parents, retirees, and disabled veterans.

The truth is, Mr. Speaker, whatever name you choose, this bill will, and is, launching the golden age of America because, as Shakespeare reminded us, it is not the name that defines the value. It is the action the bill takes, and this bill, by any name, is just as sweet.

CONGRATULATING COLONEL DOMINIC V. DINH ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. MIN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Dominic V. Dinh on his retirement from the United States Army Reserve.

Colonel Dinh immigrated to the United States as a Vietnamese refugee in April 1975 and joined the Army Reserve in 1990 while a resident of Costa Mesa, California, in my district. A member of the University of Southern California's ROTC program, Colonel Dinh was commissioned as an officer in December 1995 and graduated from the Armor Basic Officer Leader Course in September 1996.

Colonel Dinh served our country honorably for 35 years, culminating in his service as commander of the 455th Chemical Brigade in Sloan, Nevada. Colonel Dinh's leadership positively impacted the lives of countless servicemembers.

I am certain that his dedication and achievement will have a lasting impact on the Army's ability to fight and win our Nation's wars.

Upon retirement, Colonel Dinh is recognized for his distinguished service and exemplary performance of duty, reflecting the highest tradition of the United States of America.

Colonel Dinh is married to Ashlie Anne Dinh, and they have two daughters, Quintessa and Montelena.

In his civilian career, Colonel Dinh continues to serve honorably, keeping our communities safe as an Orange County deputy sheriff, where he has served for 27 years.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate his commitment to service not only for Orange County but for his country.

CONCERNS ABOUT ICE RAID IN GEORGIA

Mr. MIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep concerns about the ICE raid that occurred last Friday on a Korean factory in Georgia.

Now, we have uncertainty as to the facts involved here. ICE has claimed that there were a number of undocumented immigrants. President Trump has claimed that the people who were apprehended and detained all came into this country illegally. At the same time, the Korean Government has maintained that of the 300-some-odd Korean nationals who were arrested and detained, all of them were here on valid visas.

We have to get to the bottom of this. Somebody is not telling the truth. Unfortunately, during the last 9 months, ICE has developed a reputation for lawlessness, for breaking the laws of this country, for recklessness, for showing shock and awe, for unnecessarily brutal and violent confrontations, and for lying about it under the so-called leadership of current ICE Acting Director Todd Lyons and border czar Tom Homan.

In fact, I will say that when I visited my ICE facilities in Santa Ana a few weeks back, I was repeatedly lied to, including having ICE government relations people tell me that there had been zero warrantless raids in Orange County by ICE, DHS, or CBP and that zero complaints had been filed or litigation filed against ICE in Orange County, things that were demonstrably untrue.

At this point, I think it is necessary to demand an investigation so we have transparency and oversight. Unfortunately, I don't think we can take ICE's word for what happened.

This is an international incident. It threatens hundreds of billions of dollars in investment in this country. We need to get to the bottom of this. We need answers. We need accountability. We need oversight.

HONORING 101ST BIRTHDAY OF JOHN EAKIN

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, John Eakin of Catawba, Virginia, who will celebrate his 101st birthday on October 2.

At the age of 19, John was drafted into the U.S. Army and served with the 34th Infantry Division, 168th Regiment, Company C. As a rifleman, he fought in some of the fiercest campaigns in Italy, including the final victory of the 34th Division. His valor earned him the Bronze Star medal, and he received commendations from President Truman and General Omar Bradley.

John's story is one of both sacrifice and survival. He endured dangerous scouting patrols, near encounters with snipers, and even narrowly avoided sinking at sea.

After the war, John returned home with the rank of staff sergeant. He farmed, built homes, and contributed to his community near Roanoke, Virginia.

At 101 years young, he remains active in church and family life, an enduring