

this tragedy? If death unites us, shouldn't life compel us to care for one another and to protect each other while we can?

Evil still exists. It takes on many forms. It still tries to convince us that terrorism or hatred can be justified and that violence can serve a cause. We must always reject that lie.

The deaths on that day 24 years ago give us a chance to remember. We remember the lost, and we honor the brave. We reaffirm our shared responsibility to stand against hate and those who use death and terror to divide us, and we hold fast to our common humanity.

Let us say a prayer for the fallen. Let us say a prayer for the living, and let us walk forward together in the shadow of that somber day.

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF KREIDER FARMS

(Mr. SMUCKER of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kreider Farms of Lancaster County on 90 years in business.

Kreider Farms began in 1935 when Noah Kreider and his wife, Mary Hershey, bought the Hershey farm from Mary's father. Starting with 50 chickens and a dozen cows, the following decades saw the Penn Township farm expand on their dairy and egg production.

In 1972, Kreider Farms built their own processing plant and retail store for their milk and ice cream.

Madam Speaker, 90 years later, Kreider Farms is the last full-scale egg and dairy farm in the United States. The fourth-generation business employs 475 people and encompasses 3,000 acres.

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They are the largest egg producer in Pennsylvania and help make Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District the second-ranked egg-producing district in the Nation.

Kreider Farms' business practices are also noteworthy. Their focus on environmental responsibility and sustainability has won them numerous awards, and they are the first farm in the Northeast to be American Humane Certified.

Kreider Farms has brought joy and nutrition to countless families across Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District and the Nation for an astounding 90 years.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Chairman Ron Kreider and Kreider Farms for their hard work and continuation of Pennsylvania's rich agricultural legacy. I wish them many more years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING SHADY MAPLE SMORGASBORD
ON 40 YEARS

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Shady

Maple Smorgasbord on 40 years in business.

In July 1985, Marv and Miriam Weaver added on to their Shady Maple Farm Market and cafeteria with a new business venture, the Shady Maple Smorgasbord.

Since then, Shady Maple has become the largest and one of the most highly rated buffets in the country. The restaurant covers 161,000 square feet, seats nearly 1,200 customers, and employs hundreds of people. Specializing in authentic Pennsylvania Dutch food, the buffet features hundreds of food options as well as a from-scratch bakery and in-house smoked meats.

Shady Maple Smorgasbord is just one part of the larger Shady Maple enterprise, which includes the farm market, a gift shop, and RV sales. The company has remained in family hands under Marv and Miriam's sons, CEO Lin Weaver and President Phil Weaver. The farm market and smorgasbord complex employ 750 people and attracts over a million customers a year.

Madam Speaker, as Shady Maple celebrates 40 years in business, I commend the Weavers for their hard work on transforming a small cafeteria into a culinary destination that draws people from around the globe. May their success continue for the next 40 years and beyond.

RECOGNIZING STAR ROCK FARMS IN YORK COUNTY

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for conserving the 50,000th acre of farmland in York County, which occurred at Star Rock Farms.

Since its founding in 1990, the board has worked tirelessly to safeguard York County's rich agricultural heritage. Over the years, York County's farmland preservation program has become a model for protecting farmland from development and ensuring its availability for future generations.

On August 20, 2025, the board celebrated this historic milestone with the preservation of Star Rock Farms in Brogue, Pennsylvania, a family-owned, third-generation operation led by cousins Rob Barley, Abe Barley, Jr., and Tom Barley.

Star Rock Farms was founded in 1932 by Abram M. Barley with the purchase of 12 acres in Manor Township in Lancaster County.

Star Rock Farms has been a model operation and now raises dairy, beef, and swine in addition to growing crops in a sustainable manner.

To date, 354 farms have been permanently preserved across York County, ensuring that our region's farming tradition continues to thrive.

York County has shown how strong partnerships between government and landowners are necessary to protecting our Nation's farms. York County ranks third in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and ninth in the Nation in preserved farmland acreage. Together with Lancaster County, both located in

Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District, our region proudly stands as a national leader in farmland preservation.

Madam Speaker, I commend the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board not only for protecting farmland but for preserving a way of life that sustains families, communities, and our Nation. I also thank Star Rock Farms for continuing to lead the way for agriculture in Pennsylvania's 11th District and for their efforts to support farmland preservation.

MILLIONAIRES' TAX BREAKS IN BIG, UGLY BILL

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

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise because Donald Trump and House Republicans lied to Americans when they promised to lower costs.

Now, they are even trying to rebrand their so-called big, beautiful bill with a new name about working families. No matter what label they slap on it, the facts don't change. Trump and Republicans' big, ugly law makes the cost of healthcare go up and takes away healthcare from working families.

Republicans hand out an average of \$80,000 in tax breaks to every millionaire. Where do they get this money from? Each millionaire tax cut is paid for by taking away insurance from four people. Republicans are stealing from the American people to fund these tax cuts.

What does it mean when four people lose their coverage? It means a mom with diabetes may have to skip her insulin or a dad ignores chest pains because he can't afford the ER visit. It means your child missing their asthma treatments and struggling to breathe in class. These are real lives on the line.

Overall, the big, ugly bill will take away healthcare coverage from 16 million people. When people lose coverage, they get sicker, there are longer wait times, hospital visits rise, and costs skyrocket for families and the entire system.

House Democrats are fighting for a different vision. We are fighting to make sure that if you work hard, you and your family should have healthcare and should be able to afford to see a doctor, fill a prescription, and get the care you need without going bankrupt.

While Republicans protect tax breaks for billionaires, Democrats are working to protect affordable coverage, lower prescription drug costs, and expand access to healthcare for working families because in our America, healthcare is not a privilege for the wealthy few. It is a right for every American.

SCOTUS' IMMIGRATION RAIDS ACTION

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to dissent.

This week, six members of the U.S. Supreme Court decided to allow ICE raids in Los Angeles that are rooted in racial profiling. This is a direct assault on our Constitution and on the very idea of equal justice under law.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor said it best when she wrote: "We should not have to live in a country where the government can seize anyone who looks Latino, speaks Spanish, and appears to work a low-wage job. Rather than stand idly by while our constitutional freedoms are lost, I dissent."

I agree and join that dissent. These raids are not about law and order. They are about targeting immigrants because of the color of their skin, the language they speak, the neighborhoods they live in, and the jobs they hold. I dissent.

ICE is not chasing criminals. It is chasing families. I dissent.

Nationwide, 71 percent of those in ICE custody at the end of July had no criminal convictions. Let's think about that. Tens of thousands of lives upended, children left without parents, families torn apart not because of what people did but because of who they are. That does not make us safer. It makes us weaker.

It destabilizes our schools, our neighborhoods, and our workplaces. It harms industries that keep our economy running—construction, agriculture, hospitality—all while wasting taxpayer dollars on cruelty instead of real public safety. I dissent.

Families across this country now live in fear because their very existence has been criminalized. This is not justice. This is persecution. I dissent.

Six members of the Supreme Court may have turned their backs on equal justice, but Congress cannot. We must defend the Constitution, protect immigrant families, and ensure that no American community is left to live under the shadow of racial profiling in immigration enforcement.

For those reasons, I join Justice Sonia Sotomayor, and I say: I dissent.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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JEFFREY EPSTEIN'S ABUSE

(Ms. JOHNSON of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, for decades, Jeffrey Epstein's abuse was an open secret powerful people knew. Agencies knew. Some in government knew. Yet, year after year, he continued to operate in trafficking, exploiting, and destroying the lives of children and young women.

This was not only sexual violence. There were financial crimes. Epstein's empire was built on money, blackmail, and connections, and those connections reached into the highest halls of power.

What makes this scandal unbearable is not just Epstein's evil but the way institutions, Republican and Democratic administrations alike, looked away. No administration, past or present, has fully stepped up to bring the truth to light. The very agencies charged with protecting the vulnerable, instead, protected the powerful.

Now, under Donald Trump, that coverup has gone from negligence to active obstruction. Trump promised to release the files. He promised the American people transparency. Instead, he and his handpicked lieutenants have buried the truth under a mountain of lies and contradictions.

Let's review the record. In June of 2024, Trump said he would declassify the Epstein files. His campaign even celebrated that promise online. On January 30, Trump's FBI Director, Kash Patel, vowed to release everything. On February 21, Attorney General Pam Bondi said the client list was literally on her desk. As of today, none of that has materialized.

However, when Bondi told Trump in May that his own name appeared in those files, everything changed. Suddenly, the files were too dangerous to release. Then the Department of Justice claimed there was no client list at all. Trump went from promising full transparency to calling the files boring, then a hoax, then a dead issue. This is not transparency. This is a coverup.

Madam Speaker, when leaders abuse their office to shield predators, that is corruption of the highest order. When hundreds of survivors are denied justice to protect one man's reputation, that is a crime against the very idea of democracy.

The majority often speaks about morality. We are told about protecting children, about being pro-life, and standing up against human trafficking. So I ask my colleagues on the other side: Where is the outrage now? Where is that moral clarity when the lives of trafficked and abused girls demand your courage?

This is not about partisanship. This is about whether the United States Congress will side with survivors or with abusers. Will we protect the powerful or will we protect the powerless?

Trump threatens Republican Members who demand justice in this matter. Like Epstein survivors, the majority are now terrorized by men in power to stay silent. I know that many aspects of this criminally corrupt scandal are horrible to look at and think about, but we don't have to be divided. Together, we can be the solution and send a message that we will not let this happen again.

Here is my demand: Release the files, every name, every deposition, every page, unredacted, except to protect the survivors. No more excuses. No more delays, and no more hiding.

Madam Speaker, sunlight is the oldest disinfectant. It is the only way to end the rot of corruption that let Ep-

stein thrive, and it is the only way to give survivors the justice they deserve.

Right now, there is a bipartisan effort in this House to force a vote on releasing the files. We need only two more Republicans to join us, two Members who believe their oath to the truth is stronger than their loyalty to Donald Trump. We need two Members who are willing to live up to the words they so often speak about morality, family, and protecting children.

Let me say this: Americans are divided on so much today, but on this demand for justice, transparency, and accountability, we are united. Democrats, Republicans, Independents, Americans across every community want this coverup to end. At a time when our country desperately needs something to unite around, this could be it.

The American people have waited long enough. The survivors have waited long enough. If our justice system means anything, it must mean justice for the vulnerable human beings that powerful men thought they could use and throw away. No more secrecy, no more corruption, no more protection for predators.

Madam Speaker, history will remember what we do in this moment. Here is the truth: If we in Congress cannot unify to defy the most well-connected predator of our time, what good are we?

HONORING KELLY PIERCE

(Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Kelly Pierce, who tragically and unexpectedly passed away on August 1 of this year.

Kelly was a beloved mom of three boys. She was a daughter, a granddaughter, a friend, a cousin, an aunt, and a women's soccer coach. Kelly coached at Pima Community College, Mountain View High School, CDO Soccer Club, and FC Tucson, but she was most recently known for coaching the Salpointe High School Lancers varsity women's soccer team, where she graduated from in 1999.

As a player, Kelly won two State championships, and later as coach, she led the Lancers to six State championships in the past 8 years, a truly remarkable feat.

Only 44 years old, Kelly was passionate and devoted to her family and her coaching. She was widely known in our community for her soccer talent and had been involved with youth soccer for nearly 20 years. She was an inspiration to young female athletes, instilling self-confidence and their power as individuals.

Among her cousins, she was the leader with all the confidence who was admired with the biggest, kindest, and most giving heart. Later in life, her boys were her everything. She was a