

Donald Trump is once again threatening to deploy troops against American civilians. We have already seen him abuse Federal power in cities like D.C. and L.A., and now he is targeting Portland.

Let me be clear: Donald Trump is punishing cities like Portland simply for standing against his authoritative power. This isn't about safety. It is political retribution, plain and simple. Portland doesn't need his help. We are resilient, creative, and strong.

To my fellow Oregonians: I am standing with Governor Kotek, Attorney General Dan Rayfield, our delegation, and local leaders to defend our communities and our rights. I will use every tool available—legislation, litigation, and public pressure—to stop this dangerous overreach.

We will not be bullied. We will not be silenced, and we will not back down. In Oregon, we fly with our own wings. We rise, we resist, and we stand together, undaunted and unafraid.

#### HONORING THE WINNER OF THE CLASH OF HIGHWAY 29, THE LAGRANGE COLLEGE PANTHERS

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

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, last week I rose to recognize the dawn of the newest college football rivalry in the great State of Georgia, and today I rise to honor the winner of the inaugural Clash of Highway 29, the LaGrange College Panthers led by Coach Wes Dodson.

On Saturday night, the Panthers defeated the Point University Skyhawks 36-14. I attended the game with the president of LaGrange College, Dr. Susanna Baxter; the president of Point University, Dr. Stacy Bartlett; and administrators of both schools.

Mr. Speaker, this matchup was exciting from the beginning. On the first play of the opening drive, LaGrange converted a double pass for a touchdown. On the ensuing kickoff, Point responded with a 90-yard kick return for a touchdown. LaGrange's offense was led by three talented players: quarterback Henry Brodnax, who finished with 265 passing yards and three touchdowns; kicker Landon Eaker, who was perfect on the night with three field goals and two PATs; and wide receiver Dami'on Thompson, who, in his first-ever collegiate game, was honored as the USA South Athletic Conference's Rookie of the Week.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the Panthers' victory, we also remember their teammate, Marquis Rice, who tragically passed away during the off season. The LaGrange College Panthers honored Marquis with an incredible performance and an indisputable victory on Saturday evening.

#### HONORING MY PARENTS, CHRIS AND JACK MORRISON

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

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my parents, Chris and Jack Morrison.

I am a lifelong Democrat, but I was raised in a primarily Republican family. We debated politics and the issues of the day around the dinner table. We didn't always agree, but we respected and learned from each other.

My brother and I were encouraged to think independently and to stand up for what we believed in. We knew that we were loved and that they always had our backs.

We were raised to believe in the promise of America and with the expectation that it was our responsibility to serve our community and other people. My parents lived that ethic and led by example through serving in the military, running for office, working for nonprofits, through their many and deep friendships, through their care for our extended family, through their embrace of their son and daughter-in-law, and through their love and deep engagement with their grandchildren.

We learned that service was important and expected, and we have endeavored to live up to their example. My parents are my heroes, and encapsulating what they mean to me in 1 minute is impossible.

However, let me say directly to them, as they are in the gallery today: I am so proud and grateful that you are my parents, and I love you very much.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members that the rules do not permit references to individuals in the gallery.

#### TRUMP IS PROTECTING FAMILIES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, President Donald Trump is cracking down on murderers who threaten American families. Trump has signed an executive order to eliminate cashless bail. This will prevent Democratic district attorneys from putting criminals back on the streets, murdering random citizens. This could have prevented the merciless murder of Ukrainian refugee Iryna Zarutska on August 22 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Her killer had 14 previous arrests. Her merciless murder was concealed for 10 days by Charlotte Mayor Lyles, as she faced a primary election yesterday. The mayor should resign, as proposed by Charlotte-area Congressman RALPH NORMAN.

Every other week, I am grateful to fly through Charlotte, with its professional staff, but as long as Lyles is mayor, I will avoid the Charlotte air-

port because every passenger in Charlotte is at risk of being stabbed to death.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin's lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, while Putin is invading Poland with Iranian drones 100 miles into Poland yesterday from Belarus, as Putin tries to resurrect the failed Soviet Union.

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#### RESTORE LIFESAVING FOOD AID FOR CHILDREN

(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 today, for the 38th time, to call on the Trump administration to restore lifesaving food aid for starving children around the world.

It has been 8 months since the Trump administration put a stop-work order in place. As a result, there are thousands of boxes of lifesaving aid meant to save the lives of starving children sitting in warehouses in Rhode Island and Georgia instead of getting to the kids who need them.

Mr. Speaker, this week, we are voting on the annual Defense bill. I just want to point out that this is a national security issue because when starvation and famine are permitted to progress unimpeded around the world, it yields terrorism, increased violence, and extremism that is a risk to our own Nation's defense.

When we step back, our adversaries, like China, step in to save the day in the developing world. That is bad for the United States and for democracies all across the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I call on the Trump administration, once again: Restore lifesaving food aid for children.

#### RECOGNIZING MARY GRAY HARDY

(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, I have exciting news to share about a remarkable young woman, and her name is Mary Gray Hardy.

The election results are in, and Mary Gray was elected as Spring Creek High School's student body president. Her victory is not just any win here. Mary Gray may be one of the few, if not the only, students with Down syndrome in our State serving as her school's student body president.

Mary Gray's classmates elected her not because of her Down syndrome but because they believe in her. I have been around Mary Gray, and she is nothing but amazing.

With the news of her election, it brought tears of happiness, and they flowed freely.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mary Gray—I am sorry—Madam President. Actually, that has a special ring, President Hardy.

Mary Gray, keep working hard. Know that your Congressman is praying for your successful presidency and for your school. Your story is part of the American story.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Gray's community, her parents, and I are incredibly proud of her.

#### WARNING TO SCARLETT WILSON

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

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, when solicitors don't prosecute crimes, when judges and rogue magistrates let thugs out on the streets of America, cases like Iryna Zarutska happen, murders like Iryna Zarutska happen.

I want to pay special attention to a certain solicitor in South Carolina who is not doing her job, who is lying to South Carolinians, and that is Solicitor Scarlett Wilson of the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Scarlett, I want you to know that I am watching. When you leak evidence, when you politicize rape, when you leak evidence of rape victims, and when you leak evidence of victims who are being stalked or who have been beaten, South Carolina is watching. I am watching. If you don't do your job to protect South Carolinians, there will be consequences.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF HUGH NIE

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, on May 30, Severna Park and Maryland's Third Congressional District lost one of our youngest members of our community, Hugh Nie. Hugh was not even 18 months old when he died of sudden, unexplained death in childhood, or SUDC.

Hugh's parents, Eddie and Jessica, who are here today, described him as joy personified. He loved going to the park, circle time at the library, and getting booped in the nose at bath time.

With his loved ones, Hugh read over 1,000 books and was a dear friend to our public library system. In Hugh's memory, our community is now building Hugh's Corner at the Severna Park Library.

Mr. Speaker, there are approximately 400 cases of SUDC in the U.S. every year. Without a known cause or form of prevention, the NIH research conducted on SUDC is critical and could be lifesaving.

I urge my colleagues to join in supporting full funding for the NIH's life-saving work so that not another family has to experience what the Nies have endured.

#### RECOGNIZING AMERICORPS SENIORS FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program.

This is one of the oldest, most impactful senior service programs in the country. Since 1965, foster grandparents, who are volunteers aged 55 and older, have provided consistent support, mentorship, and care to children and youth.

Through this intergenerational service, they help young people thrive while strengthening communities.

Foster grandparents volunteer their time to help children through tutoring, mentoring, and sometimes providing classroom support to teachers. These grandparents have the ability to help young people in need learn independence, self-confidence, and social skills.

Mr. Speaker, many of us have fond memories of our own grandparents, and I am glad that for the past 60 years the foster grandparent program has helped connect seniors with young people to form these wonderful relationships.

#### HONORING SARAH KATZ

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Sarah Katz, an empathetic, driven, and compassionate young woman, whose life was tragically cut short 3 years ago today.

A native of Jersey City and graduate of Elisabeth Irwin High School in New York, Sarah devoted her life to helping others, working with the American Heart Association and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to raise awareness about heart health and the importance of CPR.

Sarah was admired by so many in our community, especially her classmates and mentors at the University of Pennsylvania.

Above all else, she was deeply loved by her family, her parents, Jill and Michael, and her sister, Dana. Amid unimaginable grief, her family turned to action, honoring Sarah's life by advocating for change.

It has been a privilege to join them in this effort, introducing the Sarah Katz Caffeine Safety Act to save lives and prevent more families from having to endure the pain that the Katz family has felt. Every step of the way, their love for Sarah has been at the forefront of their advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in this important effort and help drive change that will save lives. May Sarah's memory always be a blessing.

#### HONORING SENATOR FRED HARRIS

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a grateful but sad heart to honor the life of U.S. Senator Fred Harris, a tireless champion for justice, democracy, and the people of New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Senator Harris fought for Native American and civil rights, returned sacred lands to our Tribes, and helped advance the Great Society programs that have lifted millions out of poverty.

His impact goes far beyond his time in the Senate. He created the Fred Harris fellowship that has brought hundreds of UNM students to Washington, D.C., to give them firsthand experience in public service. He was a mentor, an educator, a dear friend, and a hero to so many in our State and across the Nation.

While we grieve his passing, his legacy will live on in the countless people whose lives he has touched and who continue to fight for justice he dedicated his life to and the legacy this United States leaves behind.

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#### STREAMLINING PROCUREMENT FOR EFFECTIVE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 682 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 3838.

Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) kindly take the chair.

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#### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3838) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, with Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, amendments en bloc No. 4 printed in part A of House Report 119-255 offered by the gentleman from