

In southwest Pennsylvania, the fourth flight, United 93, was hijacked and made an abrupt turn toward Washington, D.C., but because of the brave passengers and crewmembers, it crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

In the days, weeks, months, and now more than two decades that followed September 11, our country joined together to face the very evil that tried to take us down. While today's world has grown no less dangerous and we continue to grapple with evil, Americans are resilient.

May God continue to watch over our first responders, our men and women in uniform, and all those who keep us safe.

COMMENDING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

(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, as students have returned to school, I had the honor of visiting the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf in Wilson, North Carolina.

There, I was welcomed by cheerful students, incredible teachers, and dedicated administrators and staff. I stopped by classrooms and the cafeteria to see students in action and even helped teach a math class.

The Hornets remind us that education is ensuring that every child has a chance to live the American Dream. It involves creating the best learning environments possible that meet students where they are. We must keep working to build a brighter future for every child in every classroom across the Nation.

I love you. Go Hornets.

NDAA RESTORES PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have supported the 2026 National Defense Authorization Act. This bill is a generational investment in our national defense.

House Republicans, alongside President Trump, are investing in our military-industrial capabilities, securing all servicemembers a well-deserved pay raise, making meaningful strides to secure our southern border, and so much more.

As a graduate of West Point and the proud Representative of Fort Knox, I am excited by the commitment this bill makes to Army Reserve Aviation and the strategic partnerships it creates with local communities to inspire the next generation of warfighters by preserving local museums like the Patton Museum.

Make no mistake, this NDAA restores peace through strength, rightly

refocuses our military posture, and puts America first.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this historic investment in our national defense.

A BEAR AND A BOOK

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize Lauren Cullinan and Peyton Savarese, 11th graders at The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, who for 15 years have been friends and collaborated on multiple school projects together, including A Bear and a Book.

A Bear and a Book was founded in the fall of 2023 as a way to promote youth literacy. Like many others, when Lauren and Peyton were little, they would line up their teddy bears and read them a story. If they did not have someone to read to, they could always count on reading to their bears.

The Bear and a Book presentation begins with the girls reading an age-appropriate book to children with their own bear friends, Candy Bear and Sprinkles. At the end of the story, each child is given a bear and a book of their own to read at home.

With this book project, they have reached 55 classrooms in both New York and nearby Connecticut, and over 1,500 books and bears have been distributed.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Lauren and Peyton for wanting to help young children in our community and for their entrepreneurial spirit.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ferrari, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 93. An act to amend the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes.

S. 306. An act to establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and wildfire smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, and for other purposes.

S. 725. An act to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, to categorize public safety telecommunicators as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification System, and for other purposes.

S. 759. An act to provide for the standardization, publication, and accessibility of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8468(a), as amended by Public Law 118-159, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader and

the Ranking Member of the Committee on Armed Services, appoints the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy:

The Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS).

REMEMBERING CHARLIE KIRK

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

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today truly heartbroken over the tragic loss of my friend and fellow Illinois native, Charlie Kirk.

Charlie was a devoted husband and father, a bold Christian who never backed down from speaking truth peacefully. Charlie inspired millions with his courage and convictions. Because of Charlie, countless young people love America, boldly stand for their faith, and proudly defend our freedoms on college campuses and beyond.

His death was not an isolated tragedy. It is part of a disturbing trend in political violence in our country, encouraged by the radical left and amplified by a corrupt media that has gone from being fake to totally evil.

As we grieve, let us honor Charlie's legacy by continuing the work he so faithfully championed, and let us lift up his wife and children in our prayers.

CONGRATULATING SUMMERLIN SOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

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

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2025 U.S. Little League champions: the Summerlin South Little League.

After undefeated runs at the District Four, Nevada, and Mountain West tournaments, Summerlin South punched their ticket to the Little League World Series, making them the third consecutive Nevada team to qualify.

In Williamsport, they went on an incredible 5-2 run against the best teams from across the country and around the world, including a win over Fairfield to claim the U.S. Championship.

Led by their coaches, a trio of volunteer dads, Tony D'Ambrosio, TJ Fehser, and Americo Miranda, this team showed the world how Nevada plays ball.

I was so proud to join the community in downtown Summerlin to give these all-stars the homecoming they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, Summerlin South made Nevada proud on the world stage, and I can't wait to see what is next for these incredible athletes.

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REMEMBERING JUSTICE TIM ARMSTEAD

(Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Tim Armstead.

Tim was born to James and Myrtle Armstead on February 26, 1965, and passed away on Tuesday, August 26 of this year.

His life was one of dedicated service to our State of West Virginia. Beginning as an intern in the Governor's office after graduating from West Virginia College of Law, he rose to work as an executive assistant to the Governor's chief of staff and served on the Governor's Cabinet for Children and Families.

Tim's passion for public service led him to be elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1998, later serve as the minority leader, and rise to become speaker of the house of delegates in 2015.

He was appointed and later elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in 2018 and would retain his position until his passing.

Tim's life was guided by his Christian faith and dedicated to our State and its people, especially children suffering from neglect and abuse. He worked tirelessly to defend those children on the court of appeals and worked to retain and recruit attorneys to provide services for these children's cases.

West Virginia is a better place thanks to the life of Tim Armstead, and the lives that he touched will miss his positive influence. I was proud to call him a dear friend and cherish the special time we spent together.

I send my sincerest condolences and love to Anna, Katie, Aaron, Benedum, and Ann.

HONORING 9/11 CIVILIANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

(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, today I rise in honor of the brave civilians and first responders who answered the call 24 years ago on September 11 and the servicemembers who died in the ensuing wars that followed.

On that morning, ordinary individuals displayed extraordinary courage, not only through their service but also through their sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, 24 years ago, I watched in horror as the events of September 11 unfolded. 9/11 changed my life and the entire country. Less than 30 days later, I was activated as a reserve soldier, training soldiers to deploy to Afghanistan to defend our Nation abroad.

I went on to continue my service in Active Duty, forever changed by 9/11. Two decades later, my thoughts remain with the families of those who lost their lives that tragic day and the wars that came after 9/11.

We will always honor and remember the mothers, fathers, children, first responders, and all those senselessly

slain in that devastating attack on our Nation.

September 11 changed the course of history, but in our sorrow we found unity. In crisis, we found resilience. We will never forget that terrible day 24 years ago.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING 9/11 HEROES

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

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, 2001, our Nation endured an unspeakable tragedy, and New Jersey carried a deep share of that loss. Thousands of our neighbors left home for work that morning and never returned.

Today, 24 years later, we honor those we lost, the first responders, the everyday citizens who became heroes, and the families who continue to carry this grief.

We also recognize the tens of thousands who still suffer from cancer and other illnesses caused by that day's attacks and its aftermath. Their sacrifice and their strength remind us of the very best of America—our resilience, our compassion, and our unity.

We remember each and every one of them, and each generation will ensure that they are never forgotten. May God bless their memory, their families, and may God bless the United States of America.

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

(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, this week we are celebrating America's direct support professionals, the dedicated workers who support Rhode Islanders with disabilities, workers like Amy from Woonsocket, who said: The best part of being a DSP is that every day is never the same. I get to celebrate the victories and milestones of the people that I support. It is so rewarding to see how proud they are of themselves.

However, workers like Amy who do such great work are at risk. Republican Medicaid costs in Trump's big, ugly law pose a threat to direct support professionals and the Rhode Islanders with disabilities they serve. Medicaid funds 77 percent of the essential services, including in-home and community-based supports, group homes, and intermediate care facilities that serve the most vulnerable Rhode Islanders.

During this Direct Support Professionals Week, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle need to step up and restore the Medicaid funding they cut that disproportionately impacts Americans with disabilities and the workers who support them.

To Amy and all those doing this hard work: Keep it up and know that I have their back in Congress.

NEVER FORGET SEPTEMBER 11

(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, on this solemn anniversary, we reaffirm our vow to never forget September 11. That morning began like any other. I had just dropped my daughter off at school on a clear, beautiful day across the northeast.

Within hours, our lives were forever changed as we watched in horror as planes struck the Twin Towers, learned of the attack on the Pentagon, and witnessed the extraordinary heroism in Shanksville, where ordinary Americans made the ultimate sacrifice to prevent another attack.

In the days that followed, I traveled to Ground Zero, delivering mobility equipment requested by the NYPD—not for the injured, but for those first responders who had been on their feet for days.

Yet even in that moment of national grief, I will always remember the New York streets lined with Americans cheering for first responders and standing together in renewed patriotism.

In President Lincoln's timeless words: "We . . . resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom . . ."

May our Nation always endure, producing patriots like the late Charlie Kirk whose legacy reminds us that America will thrive and never perish from the Earth.

HONORING JOHN BROMSTEAD

(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 celebrate and honor the achievements of Glendora letter carrier John Bromstead.

John recently retired after a 40-year career in the U.S. Postal Service. Throughout this time, he drove 1 million accident-free miles, delivering letters, packages, and smiles across our community.

John was honored as a member of the National Safety Council Million Mile Club, and he received the Million Mile Award, a truly remarkable achievement.

Too often the stellar work of letter carriers like John goes unnoticed, but they play an essential role in ensuring our society, commerce, and community functions effectively.

I thank John for all the years of connecting our community through mail and spreading cheer around our neighborhoods. Now it is time for him to put his feet up and enjoy his well-earned retirement.