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RECOGNIZING CELEBRATE COMMUNITY WEEK

(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 Celebrate Community Week.

As co-chairs of the bipartisan Congressional Service Organization Caucus, Congressman JIMMY PANETTA and I introduced a resolution to designate the week of September 14 through September 20 as Celebrate Community Week, where we honor the efforts of local service organizations across the country.

The resolution recognizes the role of service organizations in promoting humanitarian assistance, while also showing our youth the value of giving back.

We specifically applaud Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International for encouraging and promoting community service and humanitarian assistance through their local chapters.

The Celebrate Community Week resolution highlights the critical work of our community service organizations.

Mr. Speaker, volunteer service is the cornerstone of a successful, strong, and healthy community, and it is an important staple of American life.

Mr. Speaker, I commend our community service organizations for everything they do to help our communities flourish.

OUR DEDICATED AND EXTRAORDINARY MARINES AND AIRMEN

(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, our marines and airmen are extraordinary. I co-led a congressional delegation to Camp Lejeune and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base with Representative ELLZEY.

The V-22 Osprey, with its tilt rotor, is a remarkable aircraft with a statistically sound safety record and was the perfect ride from Onslow to Wayne County.

Congress must ensure the future of our F-15Es at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

Touring marine barracks, visiting the child development center at Seymour Johnson, and hearing directly from our marines and airmen reminded me why we fight every day to ensure that we have the resources, housing, and equipment that it takes to win anywhere, anytime.

Our servicemembers sacrifice so much for our freedom.

It was great seeing such dedicated servicemembers, because when we take

care of our men and women in uniform and their families, we take care of the future of our country.

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RECOGNIZING LISA DUCKWORTH

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, today I rise and recognize a proud U.S. Army veteran, Lisa Duckworth, who was recently named Military Friendly's 2025 Veteran of the Year for the State of Utah. From her role as a chaplaincy resources manager in the Army for close to 6 years to her current role as Utah's veteran employment representative, Lisa has demonstrated her outstanding devotion to education and empowerment.

As Utah's veteran employment representative, Lisa advocates for the veteran and military community by working with organizations that provide them with employment, training, and development opportunities.

This award given to Lisa recognizes the tangible difference she makes every day for those in Utah's military community.

Her unwavering dedication to those who have served our country reminds us that all public service continues beyond uniform, whether it be through advocacy or community. She reminds us that when we support our veterans and military members, we strengthen our communities.

I am proud to have Lisa Duckworth representing our beautiful State and thank her for her continued service. I thank Lisa for all she does to ensure a supportive environment for our veterans in Utah.

GIVE 'EM HELL WRAP-UP

(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, I just wrapped up the Give 'Em Hell Tour, 10 townhalls over the last 3 months from every corner of my district. We welcomed all Oregonians, and we were thankful to have community leaders participating and local law enforcement keeping us safe.

From Bend to Portland, Silverton to Albany, over 42,000 people joined and made their voices heard. Mr. Speaker, the message was clear: Quit messing with our healthcare and start making life more affordable.

Mr. Speaker, hear me when I say this: We will not back down—not on healthcare, not on costs, and not on making our voices heard.

My message to my fellow Oregonians is: I hear you, and I got you. Even though the Give 'Em Hell Tour is over, there is always an open line of communication between you and me.

CALIFORNIA IS NATION'S LEADER IN SPECIALTY CROPS

(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, as I often tell you, California is the leader in specialty crops important to all Americans, to their diet and their enjoyment. For many of these crops, 90 percent plus are grown in my home State. If we didn't grow them there, you would not have them or you would have to import them from somewhere else at higher cost and lower quality.

Farmers in my State know how to grow food better than anyone, but I think my Midwest folks would probably dispute that a bit. The American farmer is extremely important, and we need to have what they need, the inputs for that.

In my home State, water is the key element that seems to be shorted not so much by nature but by bad, man-made decisions on how we manage our reservoirs or even not to bother to build reservoirs. We need new reservoirs to feed our growing Nation and a growing State. When we get the water cut off, as happens frequently, you have farmers left literally high and dry and the crop having to come from somewhere else or not at all.

It doesn't have to be this way. Let's build water supplies and be a little smarter about actually allocating to farmers instead of to fish and things like that.

Lastly, remember Iryna Zarutka, needlessly killed by a guy who had been arrested 14 times.

CDC'S DANGEROUS TURN ON VACCINES

(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, as a parent and a grandparent and as a former county executive who led the COVID response in one of the first epicenters of that outbreak, I am concerned by recent developments at the CDC and the future of public health.

Decades of sound science and public health progress are being cast aside in favor of conspiracy theories and pseudoscience.

Last month, the CDC Director was dismissed after just weeks on the job. This week, the agency's vaccine advisory committee is considering changes that could weaken or even eliminate requirements for lifesaving childhood vaccines.

It is easy to forget the fear and devastation of measles and polio, not because these diseases are harmless but because vaccines have kept them at bay.

Today, parents worry about vaccine side effects largely because they have never seen the horrors these vaccines

prevent. That doesn't make vaccines any less necessary.

The science is clear. Vaccines are safe, effective, and essential. Every major medical association agrees, yet fringe ideologies are gaining influence inside the very agencies charged with protecting our health.

Mr. Speaker, I fear our children and grandchildren will bear the cost of these reckless decisions.

CHARLIE KIRK'S RELIGIOUS MESSAGE

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, a lot has been said the last few days about the horrible assassination of Charlie Kirk.

I was able to attend two ceremonies over the weekend in which people gathered to memorialize him.

I hear a lot of people talking about Charlie Kirk exercising his right to political free speech, and we have to respect people's ability to engage in political speech.

I think if you look at some of his videos, and certainly if you attended these ceremonies, Charlie Kirk was a much more religious person than a political person. I think that is lost on a lot of people, lost on a lot of political commentators.

I think particularly in this era of declining church attendance, a time when so many young people are raised in families that don't even go to church, I think his speaking about Christianity and his faith and the importance to carry on his mission is more important than his political statements.

ONE BIG, BEAUTIFUL REPEAL

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, Virginians are already paying the price for the one big, ugly bill.

Two small-town clinics and one regional urgent care center in Virginia just closed as a direct result of the bill. Now, six more rural hospitals around the Commonwealth are at risk of closure. That means mothers, children, and Virginians with urgent healthcare concerns have to drive further to get urgent care or wait months to see a specialist.

Remember, this majority and this President said that this bill wouldn't take away benefits or close rural hospitals. Well, they were wrong. We don't need more broken promises. What we need is a different approach, a one big, beautiful repeal instead.

Let's pass the Protecting Healthcare and Lowering Costs Act, which will restore people's benefits and access to care, ensuring that people in small towns and rural communities will have more access to quality care, not less.

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION FUNDING

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the counselors, outreach workers, and credible messengers who save lives as community violence interrupters in Michigan and across the Nation.

These programs, supported by the Community Violence Intervention funding, deescalate conflicts, mediate retaliation, and connect people to essential services like jobs, housing, and mental health care to break cycles of violence.

The impact is undeniable. From May to July of this year, Detroit's CVI zones saw about a 30 percent drop in homicides and shootings with some neighborhoods faring even better.

Despite this, cuts are taking their toll. This spring, the Department of Justice rescinded over \$800 million in grants, including \$150 million for CVI efforts. Michigan programs lost millions, forcing layoffs and cuts. Worse, the current budget would slash dedicated CVI funding even further, jeopardizing these lifesaving efforts.

Congress must act to restore funding and protect proven prevention strategies.

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RECOGNIZING DONNA MINTER ON COMPLETING "GRAMMY CLIMATE RIDE"

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Donna Minter from Minneapolis for her extraordinary feat of completing the Grammy Climate Ride. Inspired by her love for her grandchildren and a vision for a healthier, more sustainable planet for future generations, Donna spent 64 days traveling 3,000 miles by bicycle to raise awareness and support for climate justice.

From California to Florida, Donna struck up conversations with those whom she met along the way to raise the alarm on the climate crisis. Through this year's ride, Donna raised \$25,000 for various Minnesota-based climate nonprofits.

Please join me in celebrating the extraordinary achievement and spirit of Donna Minter and her strength and preservation that made this possible.

RECOGNIZING MORE ACTION FOR STUDENTS ORGANIZATION

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the privilege of sitting down with a group of dedicated youth, who created

and inspired the More Action for Students organization in northwest Indiana.

I was greatly impressed with their knowledge of many important issues and their sincere advocacy.

We discussed a variety of topics, including the significant cuts to Federal Pell grants, the programs designed to help first-generation college students.

They also shared their concern that Congress is not fulfilling its constitutional responsibilities by allowing this administration to rescind approved Federal funding for minority-serving institutions of higher learning in Indiana's First Congressional District.

Since this administration is also rescinding Federal funds for economic development projects that are approved and signed into law and when the OMB is picking and choosing how appropriations laws are implemented, they are right to be concerned.

This meeting has filled me with a renewed sense of optimism for the days ahead, for it is clear that these young women and men are not waiting for the future to arrive. They are shaping it. They labor to build a society that is more just, more inclusive, and more responsive to the needs of all people.

Let us take the inspiration from their dedication. The strength of our Nation rests in the courage and the vision of its youth.

RESISTING THE TEMPTATION TO DIVIDE

(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, as I returned home to northwest Ohio this weekend, I found soul searching among people who I represent following the tragedies of last week in Colorado and Utah.

Then, in the Point Place neighborhood of Toledo, I saw a church sign that read:

Love Always Heals. Hate Always Harms. All Welcome Sunday.

These are simple words but profound.

Governor Spencer Cox of Utah observed that social media is a cancer on our society right now, and he encouraged people to log off, turn off, touch grass, hug a family member, and go out and do good in their community, and I couldn't agree more.

Today in Toledo, we did exactly that. We celebrated the completion of a \$13.5 million water project to restore the Delaware, Clark, and Horseshoe Islands in Walbridge Park on the Maumee River, the largest river that flows into the Great Lakes.

This restoration means cleaner water, aquatic and wildlife habitats renewed, and a healthier Lake Erie. As co-chair of the Great Lakes Task Force, I am profoundly grateful that our citizens united to restore the heart of our islands along the mighty Maumee by, quite literally, constructing bridges for the future. Our