

wiping out the wildlife in Colorado and my area of northern California, too.

Families who work hard shouldn't have to live in fear that the next attack will be on their herds or even their kids or themselves. In the Sierra Valley, for example, in northern California, just in the recent months, ranchers have lost 80 head of livestock.

Ranchers and rural residents must be allowed to defend their property and themselves, including with lethal force when necessary. Indeed, the wolves are untouchable because the protections are so strong you can't even defend yourself or your land. In effect, hazing is what is allowed. You can't even hardly disturb wolves.

We must delist them. U.S. Fish and Wildlife listed them years ago. Now, they need to go through the delisting process because the wolf has fully recovered.

HONORING DR. THOMAS L. WALKER

(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 rise with a heavy heart to honor the life of Reverend Dr. Thomas Lorenzo Walker, a longtime minister, community activist, gospel artist, author, and dedicated public servant.

After graduating from Shaw University, Reverend Walker pastored at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, for nearly 55 years.

He was a great gospel artist, known for his hit "One Day at a Time." He authored "Brother to Brother; You Don't Have to Die of Prostate Cancer."

Reverend Walker served 12 years on the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners. Residents now drive across a bridge named after him on West Raleigh Boulevard, a reminder of the bridges he built linking Edgecombe and Nash Counties in eastern North Carolina.

Reverend Walker advocated for youth, voting rights, and prostate screenings. He was a cancer survivor.

He was honored with our State's prestigious Order of the Longleaf Pine, various service awards, and inducted into the Twin County Hall of Fame.

We mourn his passing, honor his legacy, and extend our deepest condolences to his family.

COMMEMORATING BRENNA KULIKOWSKI AND DAMON THOMPSON

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

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the lives of Brenna Kulikowski and Damon Thompson of the Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District.

On Sunday, these brave firefighters lost their lives in the line of duty fol-

lowing a head-on collision while returning to Show Low.

Although I had not met Damon, I knew Brenna, and my heart goes out to all of those who are grieving this loss. Please continue to pray for their families and the White Mountains region as they mourn this tragedy.

As the community gathers in remembrance and gratitude, Brenna and Damon will be escorted back to Show Low, Arizona, and welcomed home as heroes.

We are all forever grateful for their dedication and service to their fellow Arizonans.

HONORING ANN HONIOUS

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a National Park Service employee in my district, Ann Honious.

Since 2020, Ann has served as superintendent of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Center in Sandy Springs and has been a vital partner in our community, working hand in hand with my office, the Cumberland CID, and the Chattahoochee National Park Conservancy as we work to secure funding, break ground, and eventually cut the ribbon on the New Day Palisades project.

Thanks to Ann's leadership, our community continues to preserve and advance the legacy of President Carter's bold vision for a beloved natural resource.

I offer my gratitude to Ann for her devotion to our national public lands and celebrate her distinguished career in service to this country.

On behalf of my office, Georgia's Sixth Congressional District, and the United States House of Representatives, I congratulate and wish her the best in her retirement.

FIGHTING FOR AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTHCARE

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, so over at the Centers for Medicaid & Medicaid Services, the administrator, Dr. Oz—yes, that guy—decided they should curb waste by letting the government use AI to decide if your medical procedure is really necessary.

That means for-profit companies will use bots to deny care for seniors and working people and will get rich doing it at your expense. Right now, there are over 70 million Americans who rely on Medicare and Medicaid for their insurance.

If there is one thing that Americans agree on right now, it is that our healthcare system is sick. Our premiums are too high. Our access is

shrinking. We are all enraged by a system that is already designed to deny us healthcare coverage, not make us healthier. Our healthcare system is so perverse, we don't need yet another way for the system to screw us over.

Americans deserve affordable, quality healthcare, and AI should not be determining whether you get healthcare. That is what Democrats are fighting for.

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HONORING OHIO CHAMPION OF THE WEEK DWAYNE GROLL

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize local business leader and the recipient of the 2025 National Small Business Association's Small Business Advocate of the Year award, Dwayne Groll, as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champion of the Week.

Last week, Dwayne was in town for the National Small Business Association's Washington presentation, where he was recognized for this award and his passion for uplifting small businesses.

From mentoring local entrepreneurs to advocating for supportive policies and connecting small businesses with essential resources, Dwayne ties his success to the success of others.

As an accomplished executive with over three decades of leadership and civil engineering experience, Dwayne is the current CEO and chairman of the board at Environmental Design Group. He also sits on the board of directors for the Greater Akron Chamber and serves as the inaugural chair of the Akron-Canton Advocacy Alliance.

Dwayne understands that small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities and our economies and that, by empowering local business leaders, we can shape more vibrant and resilient local economies.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my thanks to Dwayne for reminding us that the birthplace of champions, Ohio's 13th District, is stronger when we succeed together.

AUTHORITARIANISM IS A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, we have talked at long length about the threat to democracy and the fear of an authoritarian leader in Washington.

The time is now. The authoritarian leader in this administration has surfaced. When the head of a communications company says that a television personality's comments can cause a television station or should cause a television station to cancel his show and

it happens, that is authoritarianism. It is also when the government dictates what should and shouldn't be said on television and whether they should be punished and using the power of the government to suppress free speech.

The President then followed up and said that NBC should get rid of two of its late-night shows. CBS has canceled their late-night show.

I don't know what Johnny Carson or Jack Paar would think about all of this. I am sure Alec Baldwin wouldn't like it, and President Trump didn't like the way he treated him. Chevy Chase falling over Gerald Ford would probably put him in bad positions, too. Comedy is comedy. Free speech is free speech, and we shouldn't step on it.

God bless the First Amendment.

REAL SOLUTIONS FOR MANUFACTURING IN MICHIGAN

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

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about manufacturing. Manufacturing is not just what we do in Michigan. It is who we are. Detroit built the Motor City, the Big Three automakers, and America's middle class.

Today, when we still lead in auto manufacturing, Michigan faces some of the Nation's highest unemployment rates while families are struggling with rising costs.

Mr. Trump promised that tariffs would protect our jobs. Instead, they have driven up the cost of steel, aluminum, and auto parts while plants close and workers are left behind. When a plant shuts down in Detroit or Wayne County, it doesn't just hurt the workers inside of it. It hurts every business, schools, and families.

We need real solutions, like job training, stronger unions, and building the future of mobility right here in Detroit.

RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR CANCER RESEARCH

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a survivor of stage IV cancer to express my astonishment and to object to the Trump administration's cuts to American cancer research.

Over the last 50 years, the 5-year cancer survival rate for people like myself has risen from 49 percent to 68 percent. This is largely because of American taxpayers' investment in the brilliant researchers at the National Cancer Institute.

The administration's cuts to the National Cancer Institute's spending by \$842 million in its first 7 months alone put that trend in jeopardy. Just as a

return on investment, this is astonishingly bad. For every \$1 spent by American taxpayers at NCI, they get almost \$3 back. Experts warn that we will lose a generation of scientists because of this recklessness.

I urge the administration and my Republican colleagues to reverse course, maintain our global leadership, and work toward a better future for the 40 percent of Americans who will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetimes.

HIGH UTILITY RATES BY FOREIGN MONOPOLIES

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

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, utility bills are crushing upstate New Yorkers. I have seniors on fixed incomes who are cutting back on groceries and working parents who are cutting back on school clothes for their kids just to keep the lights on.

Now the utility monopolies, which are owned by foreign corporations, are raising rates again. They are taking more and more money out of our pockets, and they are sending it to foreign corporations to pad their profits. They have been getting away with it for years because they work the refs, hire lobbyists, and grease the politicians with corporate PAC checks.

When I say that the system is rigged against the working class and in favor of special interests, this is what I am talking about, and it ends today. My Keep the Lights Local Act will ban foreign corporations from owning our utilities.

Upstate New Yorkers, who are already struggling to get by, shouldn't be forced to pay dividends to corporate executives sitting in board rooms halfway around the world.

Keep the lights local. We are going to take our power back.

HIGHLIGHTING FLAWED POLICIES

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. ROY of Texas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I would note just an observation: One of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle who is a cancer survivor—and God bless him for it—was raising issues about government funding and about what funding should or shouldn't exist and what this administration may or may not be doing to make sure our bureaucracies are running efficiently and effectively and not wasting money.

I say this as a cancer survivor, stage III, Hodgkin's lymphoma, 13 years ago: I think research is important. I think we need to make sure there is solid research. I think it can be driven heavily by the private-sector businesses who are incentivized to make money for developing lifesaving drugs, but it could be done in concert with governments

and universities. What we don't need is continued profligate Federal funding in order to achieve greatness.

The Wright brothers, Henry Ford, the great inventors, the great industrialists, the great innovators in technology, the entrepreneurs out there, for the most part, are not doing that based on government funding and action. They are doing it based on innovation and hard work. That should be our model and approach.

While I appreciate those who have gone through a terrible disease like cancer, as I did, as a number of people in this Chamber, and as millions of Americans across this country have done, it is not always a rationale for more government spending, more government action, and more government bureaucracy.

I would note that the other colleague who came down and talked about high and rising energy prices, I too share some frustration about foreign-owned energy companies and utility companies.

I would remind my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that our energy prices wouldn't be skyrocketing and off the charts had we not gone down the foolish road of massive subsidies for the so-called Green New Deal, which is more rightly called the green new scam, in which foreign companies, Chinese companies, have been enriched because my colleagues on the other side of the aisle wanted to pursue their radical agenda.

Do you want to know why the price of energy is going up? It is because of Democratic policies and mandates, EV mandates, and mandates about solar panels and wind farms that are far less efficient than nuclear and clean-burning natural gas. Those things are driving up the price of energy for the average American and putting that money into the pockets of a handful of wealthy people and the Chinese. I congratulate them, but my colleagues on the other side of the aisle shouldn't come whining to Congress about what they need in order to deal with high energy prices that my Democratic colleagues caused.

That is the truth.

The fact of the matter is that we need to do a lot better job of speaking truth here in this Chamber. As a number of my colleagues were debating a resolution honoring a friend to many of us, Charlie Kirk, who, as is well known now, lost his life last week, I am reminded of the importance of truth. Truth matters.

Charlie stood for the proposition that you should go into the public square and put forward your ideas and put forward what you believe is truth and then hash it out. He did so eloquently, thoughtfully, and engagingly with people of all stripes: Black, White, straight, gay, male, female, whatever it was. He would engage with people on campuses and around this country to pursue truth.