

Defensively, the Cadets were nothing short of dominant, ultimately leading to their championship win. Benedictine forced five turnovers, including a critical interception by Malachi Mingo that helped seal the shutout.

I am honored today to recognize the student-athletes, coaches, families, and the entire Benedictine community for their remarkable accomplishment and for the pride that they have brought to Virginia's Fifth Congressional District and the entire Commonwealth.

#### RECOGNIZING FOOD PANTRIES

(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, I rise to give a huge thank-you to all of the food pantries, food banks, and nonprofits that helped so many families during this past shutdown, and really all year, with food insecurity. They have been giving out hundreds of thousands of meals, very rarely ever turning away anyone.

The ones in my community include ones like Dulles South Food Pantry, Haymarket Regional Food Pantry, Mobile Hope, Northern Virginia Food Rescue, Creating Foundations for Hope, House of Mercy Food Pantry, and, of course, Loudoun Hunger Relief. They did so much: fresh produce, sweet treats, pantry essentials, and even Thanksgiving meals coming up next week.

Some saw up to a 500 percent increase in new families asking for food, and this is still going to be a big issue. We saw the SNAP cuts over the summer. All of them told me that that is going to be a big issue.

We need to continue to address food insecurity in America, and I thank those organizations for stepping up when we needed them most.

#### RECOGNIZING FIRST LIEUTENANT DUNCAN DEMARSH

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

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize First Lieutenant Duncan DeMarsh, a proud lifelong resident of Volusia County and an outstanding young leader who will soon deploy for 1 year to the Middle East with the Florida Army National Guard in service to our Nation.

First Lieutenant DeMarsh has distinguished himself through his public service as the legislative aide to my friend, State Representative Tramont, where he worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of Florida. He was also elected vice chairman of the Volusia Republican Party, where he helped secure important victories in the most recent election.

As he prepares for his deployment, I express my deep gratitude not only to

Duncan, but also to his new bride, Savannah DeMarsh, and the rest of their family, who share in the sacrifice that military life demands. Their strength and support make his service possible.

We in Congress and the American people are indebted to the brave men and women who stand watch on our behalf. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing First Lieutenant Duncan DeMarsh a safe mission and a swift return home.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF TASHA KAMA

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Maui County councilmember Tasha Kama, a mother to all, a warm hand, a hug when you needed it most, a voice for the voiceless, and a champion for everyone she served.

Tasha was a fierce advocate for affordable housing, a tireless defender of Native Hawaiian rights, and steadfast for our "children"; "keiki" and our "elders"; "kupuna." More than any title or position, she carried a quiet strength and a deep faith that grounded our entire community. She showed up for people, not for recognition, but because she believed every person deserved dignity, respect, and aloha.

Hawaii, and the world, needs more Tashas. With her now watching from above, we must try to live and lead with the same courage, compassion, and unwavering aloha that defined her life.

To the Kama "family"; "o'hana" and all those whose lives she shaped, we offer our deepest condolences. May her legacy continue to guide us forward.

Mr. Speaker, may my friend rest in aloha.

#### HONORING ESTHER OMOYIWOLA

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Esther Omoyiwola, a graduate student at Georgia Southern University.

She was awarded the 2025 Amateur Radio Digital Communication Scholarship, an example of her academic achievement, resilience, and determination.

Her determination was shaped by the strength and community she found in Georgia Southern after leaving her home country of Nigeria.

After arriving, she immersed herself in research, focused on power converters and machine learning applications.

With countless hours of research and lab work, Esther didn't hold back on the scholarship application. She plans to use the scholarship money to pur-

chase tools and resources to support her research, as well as to cover some school expenses.

Now, her focus is towards helping the next generation of women engineers and young girls like her who face uncertainty in the next chapter of their life. She wants to pay it forward, as it was a path she didn't take alone.

#### RECOGNIZING WILLIAM WOODARD BUTLER VETERAN OF THE YEAR

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

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a lifetime of service of one of my constituents, Colonel William Woodard Butler, the 2025 Veteran of the Year for Virginia's Fourth Congressional District.

With over 38 years of service between Active Duty and the Reserves, Colonel Butler has devoted his military career and beyond to improving the lives of our servicemembers, advancing medical research, and giving back to his community.

Colonel Butler completed two overseas deployments, one to Okinawa and another to Qatar. He has over 980 hours of flight time, of which 65 are in combat.

He then rounded out his military career as a professor of aerospace medicine at the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine.

In addition to this, he now serves as an active member of his community, as a trustee for the John Randolph Foundation, and as a member of the city of Hopewell's planning commission.

He helped establish a permanently endowed scholarship for Chesterfield, Hopewell, and Prince George students pursuing a medical career.

I thank Colonel Butler for his service to our Nation and admire all he has done to improve the lives of those in our community, Commonwealth, and country. I am honored to name him the 2025 Veteran of the Year for Virginia's Fourth Congressional District.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

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

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Family Caregivers Month and to honor the more than 63 million Americans who selflessly care for their loved ones. That includes more than 1.5 million Virginians who step up every single day for their parents, spouses, and family members.

As a Navy veteran, a nurse practitioner, and someone who has seen firsthand the challenges families face, I know just how essential these caregivers are to our long-term care system.

Far too often caregivers shoulder enormous emotional, physical, and financial burdens without adequate help.

That is why Congress must work together to advance commonsense, bipartisan solutions, like the Credit for Caring Act, increased respite care funding, and expand workplace flexibility. These are practical steps that will give caregivers the support they desperately need.

When caregivers thrive, families thrive. This month, and every month, let's honor their sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the caregivers out there. They are appreciated.

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#### JUSTICE SHOULD BE REQUIRED

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I am here to talk about two incidents that shame me as a Member of this House and as an American citizen.

Today, President Trump signed the Epstein documents release bill. Lots of women were up here who were victims of Jeffrey Epstein's sexual felonies, and they celebrated when the House passed it and the Senate passed it, but it is clear today that classified documents therein will not be released and documents that might relate to an ongoing investigation which President Trump authorized going after Bill Clinton, Larry Summers, and others on the Democratic side which are false and improper investigations where Ms. Bondi said there was nothing there, will not allow for material to be disclosed.

The Senate said the House shouldn't get involved with the \$500,000 that each Senator should get for simply having a phone call noted—not listened to, not documented, but noted. It is \$500,000 for nine Senators.

That money should go to the Epstein victims. Truth spoken. Justice should be required.

#### CELEBRATING BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

(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 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of my alma mater, Brigham Young University.

Since its founding in 1875, BYU has stood firm as a fundamental institution of learning and innovation in the State of Utah.

Throughout its history, the university's programs, students, athletes, professors, and alumni have made great contributions to a variety of fields, including the advancement of technology, physical and social sciences, sports, business, law, and many other

areas of significance. BYU continues to grow and evolve as they plan to open a medical school soon.

The university, which also includes campuses in Hawaii and Idaho, is renowned globally. Further living up to its motto, "The world is our campus," the BYU Pathways Worldwide program served over 74,000 students in over 180 countries in 2024.

Above all, I appreciate BYU's focus on instilling its motto, "Enter to learn, go forth to serve." I am grateful for the BYU education I received in undergraduate and law school and am proud to represent BYU and the Provo community in Congress.

Congratulations to BYU and President Shane Reese on 150 years of innovation. I am excited to see how BYU will continue to grow and forgive me for that parking ticket when I was a student so many years ago.

#### CALIFORNIA NEEDS FEDERAL SUPPORT

(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, I just want to remind everybody across the country where their food comes from. A whole bunch of it comes from California.

Look at these crops here, 100 percent: pistachios, almonds, plums, prunes, olives, nectarines, kiwifruit, honeydew, garlic, celery, artichokes come from California. Shelled walnuts come from California. Tomatoes come from California, along with 96 percent of mandarins.

If we don't have the water to grow these crops in California, if we don't have the support from the government now regulating us out of business, it is not going to come from there anymore. If it doesn't come from there, it is going to have to come from a foreign country because nobody else in the country can grow these crops quite the way we can in California.

They can do a pretty good job in some other places, but this is where it happens, so we need the support of the Federal Government to continue to build the water supply at Sites Reservoir, Shasta Dam raise in northern California, as well as hold on to our water supply and not have it all frittered out to the Pacific Ocean in pursuit of a non-scientific pursuit of water for fish.

#### PROTECT CHACO CANYON

(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, Chaco Canyon is sacred, the ancestral homeland, and a living landscape and home to the Pueblo and Dine people. It is a World Heritage Site and a landscape of ancient ruins, kivas, and sa-

cred lands as far as the eye can see, which is why I stand here tonight in solidarity with Tribal leaders from across New Mexico to say protect Chaco Canyon, protect it from the attacks of a Trump administration that is trying to open these lands once again to oil and gas drilling.

Can you imagine, one of our most sacred sites, which Secretary Haaland protected in 2023, which the New Mexico delegation is trying to permanently withdraw, a place the Pueblo leaders say holds the footprints of their ancestors and countless generations; Navajo leaders who say that it is deeply embedded in our way of life, the living community, and our very culture.

However, this administration has forged ahead to open these lands to the irreparable desecration of drilling on this sacred site.

I call on the administration and the American people to join us in this fight to protect Chaco Canyon.

#### CELEBRATING 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAVANNAH

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized until 10 p.m. as the designee of the majority leader.)

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KENNEDY of Utah). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate First Baptist Church of Savannah on their 225th anniversary.

Since 1800, this church has stood as a cornerstone of faith, service, and resilience in our community. From its beginnings on Franklin Square to the historic sanctuary on Chippewa Square, First Baptist Church has been a beacon of steadfast devotion and is recognized as the oldest surviving house of worship in Savannah.

Through its leadership and dedicated members, this church has shaped not only life in Savannah but also Baptist life across Georgia and our Nation. It has nurtured faith, advanced education through its connection to Mercer University, and embraced the spirit of service.

Between its open-door policy during the Civil War to its recent pipe organ concert series, First Baptist Church has continually worked to build community and welcome all in their congregation. We celebrate them for both a remarkable history and a vibrant legacy of hope for the future.

##### RECOGNIZING KATHERINE SPIES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Katherine