

amendment to remove that provision from the bill. Despite being given the opportunity to do so, House Republicans let it pass.

Now I am grateful that the House voted just last night to pass a bill to take this away, but there is no guarantee that the Senate will actually do that.

The American people deserve better than these corrupt, backroom deals. They deserve better than legislation crafted to enrich the few at the expense of the many, and they certainly deserve better than a governing philosophy that treats cruelty as strength and corruption as strategy.

The contrast before us could not be clearer.

On one side, we see a Republican majority operating in the currency of cruelty and corruption, willing to hold working families hostage, willing to cut healthcare, and willing to undermine transparency, all to score political points and reward political friends.

On the other side, Democrats are fighting with courage and compassion. We are fighting to protect the Affordable Care Act and to keep healthcare accessible for millions of Americans. We are fighting to lower costs for families and restore trust in a government that should be working for the people.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the Senate to reject this corrupt bargain and pass our bill that takes away this unethical and corrupt payout and to stand with the families who sent us here. These are families who deserve a government as honest, hardworking, and committed as they are.

#### HONORING A REMARKABLE LEGACY: GRUNDY HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING PROGRAM

(Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable legacy of the Grundy High School wrestling program, a program which has proudly served as a cornerstone of Buchanan County athletics for decades.

With most of the county's high schools set to consolidate into a single school next year, this year marks the final chapter for Grundy's historic wrestling program.

Grundy's wrestling program leaves behind an extraordinary record, which includes 27 State championships and countless individual State titleholders, including nine winners for State titles just last season.

Year after year, these impressive athletes have demonstrated remarkable discipline and determination that reflect the very essence of southwest Virginia. The wrestling program at Grundy High School has not only gotten the attention of regional athletics in southwest Virginia. Its renowned success has become a national phenomenon, receiving press and attention from all over the United States.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, when I was first elected to Congress, an Ohio Congressman, JIM JORDAN, who is a two-time wrestling NCAA champion, came over to me and asked if I now represented the great wrestling school from Virginia, Grundy High.

Student athletes from all Buchanan County high schools have contributed to a legacy that will inspire future generations of student athletes, and I look forward to watching them build on to their proud tradition.

Southwest Virginia, as a whole, congratulates Grundy High School on its historic wrestling achievements and extends a heartfelt thank you to the athletes, coaches, families, and extraordinary fans who made this legacy possible. They made it possible with their time, their dedication, and their donations.

A special nod goes to the Grundy Wrestling Club, a 501(c)(3) charity, that happens to support wrestling in the area.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we recognize that as we come to the end of this chapter, it is not the end of the story for wrestling in the Grundy region and in Buchanan County but the beginning of a new one, rooted in the same values that carried Grundy High School to wrestling greatness.

#### NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as Americans celebrate National Rural Health Day.

According to the Virginia Department of Health, 88 percent of Virginia is rural, including much of Virginia's Ninth District. As a result, communities face numerous barriers in the rural areas to receive adequate access and opportunities for healthcare.

Our rural healthcare providers do our country and our healthcare system a tremendous service, tending to the healthcare needs of rural communities.

I am committed to working to improve rural healthcare access in my time here in Congress.

Today, let all of us honor the profound contributions of these healthcare providers. I thank the doctors, nurses, advocates, and others who strive to make rural healthcare a possibility in America and to make America a truly healthy America in all regions.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF LAINIE JONES

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the life of my longtime friend, fierce leader, and cancer community advocate, Lainie Jones.

Lainie was a seven-time cancer survivor and known on social media as The Early Detective. Lainie lost her lifelong battle against multiple cancers on October 14, 2025, at the age of 41.

Diagnosed with cancer for the first time at 18 months old, after her third

diagnosis in her twenties, she discovered that she had Li-Fraumeni syndrome, or LFS, a rare genetic condition that predisposed her to multiple cancers.

Lainie faced adrenal carcinoma, sarcoma, breast cancer, thyroid cancer, melanoma, lung cancer, and, finally, glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer.

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Through it all, she remained positive, ensuring others heard her story as she was deeply committed to the importance of early detection, prevention, and knowing one's risk.

For the last 13 years, Lainie worked with the American Cancer Society, using her story to educate and empower others to take control of their health.

She called herself The Early Detective on social media, believing that asking questions and acting early is what will help others survive.

As a cancer survivor myself, Lainie was always an inspiration to me and so many others in the south Florida community. She tried to help people see cancer as she saw it and not to fear it. Lainie undertook every challenge with a smile and was incredibly generous in sharing her inspirational story with so many people. She lived by the words "live every day like it is your first."

It is my honor to soon reintroduce the Lainie Jones Comprehensive Cancer Survivorship Act, which will seek to improve the health outcomes and quality of life for survivors.

Mr. Speaker, Lainie Jones was an inspiration and an example of how one must never lose hope, even in the darkest of circumstances. I hope her story and her spirit continue to inspire others across the country. May her memory be for a blessing.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA'S, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the city of Hollywood, Florida's, centennial celebration.

The city of Hollywood was founded by visionary Joseph Young in 1925 as a small seaside dream and has since grown into a charming coastal community and dynamic city.

Over the past century, Hollywood has become known for its beautiful beaches, historic Boardwalk, scenic waterways, and unique blend of natural beauty and urban vitality. It is one of south Florida's most unique and beloved coastal cities.

My husband, Steve, grew up in Hollywood so the city holds a special place in our hearts. Hollywood's residents represent generations of families, new arrivals, and innovators who have built a strong and sustainable community that embraces inclusion, civic engagement, and diversity.

Hollywood is also home to the Seminole Tribe of Florida, its reservation, and ancestral lands. We also honor the

Seminole people for their historic and ongoing contributions to our shared story.

The city of Hollywood is deeply committed to sustainability and innovation, ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy the city's remarkable natural resources. The city's unique charm lies in its ability to balance progress with preservation.

This 100th anniversary is a time to honor the past and the efforts of those who came before us, as well as celebrate the achievements of today and the next 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to Mayor Josh Levy and the city commission for working tirelessly to ensure that Hollywood remains a world-class destination where residents thrive, businesses prosper, and visitors feel welcome.

Happy 100th anniversary to Hollywood and all its residents.

#### RECOGNIZING JONATHAN RODRIGUEZ

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jonathan Rodriguez, a U.S. history teacher at Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Memorial Early College High School for his heroic and compassionate actions.

Without hesitation, Mr. Rodriguez jumped to the rescue to help one of his former students following a vehicle collision. For his compassionate actions, the PSJA ISD awarded the first-ever Heart of Service Coin.

This coin is a distinct honor awarded to individuals who embody the values: protecting, serving, and rising above, in all aspects of our community.

Mr. Rodriguez exemplifies these ideals every day, going above and beyond for his students and bringing his experience as a volunteer firefighter to his role as an educator.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Rodriguez for his heroism and his quick action to save a young student's life.

#### CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF WILSON COUNTY NEWS

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate more than 40 years of the Wilson County News, a cornerstone of community journalism in south Texas.

In 1984, Elaine Kolodziej turned her vision into reality, launching the Wilson County News without any prior publishing experience but with the dream to give her community a true local paper. She even hand-delivered each issue herself every Tuesday to ensure it reached the readers.

Under Elaine's leadership, Wilson County News flourished as a woman-owned and -operated small business. Through the years, they have adapted to new technologies to expand coverage and launch their website in 2002 to bring local stories to an even wider audience.

Today, the Wilson County News continues its proud tradition of delivering high-quality journalism.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Elaine and the entire Wilson County News team for more than four decades of dedication to delivering news to Wilson County.

#### RECOGNIZING AIDEN REED

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of a Poth High School senior, Aiden Reed, the 2025 UIL 3A State Shot Put champion.

After earning silver at last year's championship, Aiden returned with determination and achieved gold to close out his senior season.

During the State meet, Aiden sat in second place until his third attempt. A powerful throw secured him the gold medal and broke his own school record.

Aiden is a passionate and driven role model for young athletes. His dedication and perseverance reflect the spirit of Poth and the strength of south Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Aiden and can't wait to see what he accomplishes next.

#### OBSERVING WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY

(Ms. SEWELL of Alabama was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in observance of today, November 20, as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

It is a time to shine light on the devastating impact of this disease and dedicate ourselves to improving prevention, early detection, and treatment.

Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States and is on track to becoming the second by 2030. Over 67,000 Americans are diagnosed each year with pancreatic cancer.

Like so many Americans, I know all too well the terrible impact of this disease. In 2021, I lost my dear mother, Nancy Gardner Sewell, to pancreatic cancer.

By the time we caught it, the cancer had already spread. She passed away just 8 weeks after her diagnosis. In an effort to turn my pain into purpose, I have committed myself to doing everything I can to prevent other families from enduring such a painful loss.

Along with my friend Congressman JODEY ARRINGTON, I am proud to be leading H.R. 842. In the 118th Congress, Congressman ARRINGTON introduced our bill and surprised me by renaming it after my mother, the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Act.

Our bill would create a pathway for Medicare to cover multiple cancer early detection tests. Medicare will cover that by making sure that once it is approved by the FDA, it immediately becomes available to Medicare patients. This is so important because the promise of screening for more than 40 cancers lies with a simple blood test.

If passed, it will give our seniors their best shot at catching cancer early

and treating it before it spreads. Just 2 months ago, our bill passed unanimously out of the House Ways and Means Committee. It enjoys overwhelmingly bipartisan support with 332 House cosponsors and 67 Senate cosponsors.

Later today, I look forward to convening lawmakers, researchers, advocates, and families for a roundtable on the latest developments in prevention, early detection, and treatment. I thank the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, the American Cancer Society, and all of the more than 500 stakeholders for all of their efforts. I am so grateful for the tireless work of our cancer advocates. Without them, this bill would not enjoy such broad bipartisan support.

As we wear purple today in honor of World Pancreatic Cancer Day, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 842, the Nancy Gardner Sewell Multi-Cancer Early Detection Act.

Mr. Speaker, let's get this bill across the finish line and pave the way for the world without pancreatic cancer.

#### NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize today as National Rural Health Day.

As the daughter of Alabama's rural Black Belt, I know firsthand the challenges that our rural communities face when it comes to accessing quality, affordable healthcare.

For too many patients in rural America, getting seen by a doctor requires driving miles to the nearest hospital or health center. Broken payment systems and workforce challenges have put an enormous strain on our healthcare system.

In Congress, I am proud to be leading legislation that will tackle these challenges. Our Graduate Medical Education bill will add thousands of residency slots, creating a pipeline of qualified health professionals to serve patients in rural America.

Our Save America's Rural Hospitals Act takes important steps to ensure that rural hospitals are fairly reimbursed for their services. The Home Health Stabilization Act will allow more seniors to receive the care that they need in the comfort of their own homes.

I am also working hard to expand access to telehealth services, mental health, and substance use programs, and support our rural ambulance providers. It is so important that our rural ambulance providers know the importance that they have in rural America.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to healthcare, our rural communities are on life support. Republicans' so-called big, beautiful bill makes the largest cut to healthcare in American history. Despite the dysfunction in Washington, we in Alabama are fortunate to have amazing partners standing in the gap.

Just last month, I was thrilled to attend the groundbreaking of the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences in Demopolis, Alabama. This new state-