

drive prices higher. As we debate healthcare costs, the solution is not spending more.

It is time for real market-driven reforms with choice and competition.

#### CONGRESS MUST ACT ON HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for a vote on the extension of the Affordable Care Act subsidies that help 22 million Americans afford their healthcare.

As you all know, they expire at the end of the year. If Congress does nothing, costs will skyrocket, and people will lose their healthcare.

In my district alone, 32,000 people will see their costs skyrocket, and 14,000 people will lose their healthcare entirely. This means that people will be unable to afford their medicine, kids will miss critical treatment, and people with serious conditions will lose access to care overnight.

There is still no commitment from the Speaker to extend these credits and no plan to prevent the healthcare crisis we know is coming.

There is a bipartisan effort and bipartisan support to extend these credits, and I urge my colleagues to join these efforts in getting this done and getting it done now.

#### RECOGNIZING BENEDICTINE COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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

Mr. McGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary achievement in high school athletics by Benedictine College Preparatory School located within Goochland County.

They have made program history by capturing its third consecutive VISAA Division I State Championship defeating Trinity Episcopal 20-0.

From the first snap, the Cadets showed they came ready to compete. Benedictine set the tone, demonstrating exceptional determination, discipline, and heart.

JoJo Johnson led the charge with an impressive 85-yard touchdown run followed by key contributions from quarterback Kaiden Kohler and VMI commit Landon Snyder, giving the Cadets a commanding 20-0 halftime lead.

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

entire Benedictine community for their remarkable accomplishment, as well as for the pride they have brought not only to Virginia's Fifth Congressional District but also to the entire Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### CARELESS PEOPLE

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, for more than 40 days, families across our country suffered through the longest government shutdown in history.

How did our President and Congressional Republicans respond?

They responded by amputating the East Wing of the White House to make way for a \$300 million gilded ballroom.

They responded by throwing a lavish Gatsby-themed party at Mar-a-Lago where the President's wealthy friends toasted with champagne mere moments before 42 million Americans lost their monthly food assistance.

They responded by inserting a disgusting, corrupt provision into a so-called clean spending bill that allows for a slush fund for eight Republican Senators at the last hour to each collect as much as a million dollars or more—one million taxpayer dollars each—because their phone records were lawfully seized in connection with the January 6 insurrection.

The President and Congressional Republicans aren't looking for ways to feed people or lower costs. They are thieves lining their pockets.

I believe F. Scott Fitzgerald would have called them "careless people."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities towards the President.

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#### COMMENDING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AND FAA EMPLOYEES

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the air traffic controllers and the men and women of the FAA.

For 43 days, while the Democrats kept our government closed, the aviation system that they rely upon and the traveling public depend upon was pushed to the brink.

As a member of the Aviation Subcommittee, I have seen up close how critical a fully functioning system is to safety and commerce.

The Indianapolis International Airport is in my district. I spent time in the tower. I spent time in INDY Center, the regional air traffic control center. I met with the team running traffic in and out of the second largest FedEx air cargo hub in our district.

When the good people who keep our skies moving tell you what is at stake, you pay attention. Their work is why I pushed to secure funding to modernize our outdated air traffic control technology. We have to invest in the next generation of controllers, cut the bureaucratic lag, and build a system worthy of the people who run it. I intend to keep at it.

#### AMERICANS' ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE UNDER ATTACK

(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, I rise today to bring attention to the Trump administration's plan to raise healthcare prices for seniors.

That is right. You did not mishear me. The Trump administration announced that they will be raising Medicare part B premiums, and deductibles will surge around 10 percent in 2026, almost double the increase from 2025.

Next year, the annual standard Medicare part B premium will be over \$2,400. Seniors and disabled enrollees rely on Medicare part B to cover costs for outpatient hospital care, ambulance services, preventative screenings, medical equipment, certain prescription drugs, and more.

If that is not enough, since Medicare premiums are typically deducted from Social Security payments, the average anticipated cost-of-living increase for Social Security will be reduced by almost a third.

Many seniors who could have seen an increase of about \$56 in their monthly Social Security payments will be lucky to see \$38 after premium increases.

This administration continues to attack Americans' access to healthcare and undermine affordability.

This is simply a disgrace.

#### RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA UPON EARNING GOLD AWARD

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

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of North Dakota for earning the Gold Award as a 2025-2026 Military Friendly School.

UND was named among the nation's top 10 military-spouse friendly schools nationwide. This honor places UND in the top 10 percent of universities across the U.S. for its commitment to serving our servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

UND's leadership reflects a long tradition of service that dates back to its founding. This gold recognition marks a proud milestone, especially with more than 2,000 military-affiliated students enrolled this year.

From peer-to-peer mentoring to faculty training and veteran advocacy,

UND continues to raise the standard for how universities can support members of our military.

I congratulate President Armacost, Director Angie Carpenter, and the entire UND community for their dedication to those who defend our freedoms.

#### NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MONTH

(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, I rise today to commemorate National Rural Health Day and National Rural Health Month.

Due to a lack of infrastructure and support, rural communities suffer from the worst health outcomes nationwide. Pharmacy deserts, maternal health deserts, mental health deserts, worker shortages, and more limit people's access to care, sometimes forcing residents to travel 1 hour or longer for primary and emergency care.

These communities that already need help accessing affordable, quality care now face a growing crisis due to draconian cuts to Medicaid and the big, ugly law signed in July, which will make it harder for rural communities to access the care that they need.

Mr. Speaker, 338 rural hospitals from across the country have been identified as at risk, 6 in Virginia, 1 in my district.

I traveled around rural areas during our recesses talking to these providers about their concerns. I was accused by my Republican colleagues of fear-mongering. Yet, I was amplifying the fears that they had. Lo and behold, weeks after visiting some of these providers, three rural providers closed their doors citing the big, ugly law's Medicaid cuts.

A Farmville hospital announced the closure of its labor and delivery unit, citing a reduction in Federal care. We need to do more for our rural communities in providing care, not less.

Mr. Speaker, it's not too late to address this health care crisis of Republicans' making. We can start by permanently extending the enhanced premium tax credits under the Affordable Care Act to prevent millions more from seeing their premiums skyrocket.

This Rural Health Day, I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to recognize this issue for what it is, and to act now.

#### LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN SAFETY AND COMMUNICATION IN AMERICA'S AIRSPACE

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

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I introduced today the House companion to Senator TED CRUZ' ROTOR Act, legislation that I believe, as a pilot, is essential to strengthening safety and communication in America's airspace.

Earlier this year, the devastating collision between an American Airlines

flight and an Army Black Hawk helicopter claimed 67 innocent lives. Among those on board was Asra Hussain, a neighbor of mine from the St. Louis region.

Asra was a newlywed and a brilliant young professional whose life was ended far too soon.

That disaster exposed troubling gaps in how Federal aircraft operate in complex airspace.

The families who lost loved ones deserve answers, and the American people deserve swift action to rebuild trust in the safety of our skies.

The ROTOR Act closes loopholes that allow military aircraft to disable location sharing during routine flights and requires aircraft in high-traffic airspace to use modern tracking and location-sharing technologies. This reform is backed by ATCs, pilots and, most importantly, the families forever changed.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the ROTOR Act's timely safety reforms.

#### HONORING MINNEAPOLIS AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(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 the Minneapolis American Indian Center and to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The Minneapolis American Indian Center has carried out its mission of celebrating and uplifting Native culture through a wide range of programs and services that preserve important traditions.

The center creates pathways for opportunity for over 35,000 tribally diverse American Indians living in the metro area.

I am proud that my office was able to secure \$3 million in Federal funding to support their renovation and expansion. The center stands as a powerful example of resilience and the enduring strength of the Native community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the Minneapolis American Indian Center's 50 years of service.

#### HONORING SHERIFF JUD SMITH, GEORGIA'S 2025 SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

(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 recognize Sheriff Jud Smith of Barrow County, who has been named Georgia's 2025 Sheriff of the Year.

Throughout his career, Sheriff Smith has led with integrity, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to the people who he serves. His steady leadership during times of crisis, including the tragic events at Apalachee High

School, brought comfort and stability to a grieving community and reminded us of the vital role that law enforcement plays in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

A lifelong resident of Barrow County, Sheriff Smith has dedicated his life to public service. He has earned the trust of his community through compassion, humility, and an unrelenting dedication to justice. The people of Georgia are grateful for his courage, his faith, and his service.

Today, we honor Sheriff Smith for exemplifying what it means to lead with heart and to serve with honor.

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#### REQUEST TO NAME U.S. VESSEL AFTER REAR ADMIRAL DUERK

(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, I rise to introduce bipartisan legislation, alongside my northwest Ohio colleague, Representative BOB LATTA.

Our purpose is to honor a legendary Ohioan and pioneer of American military history, Rear Admiral Alene B. Duerk.

Admiral Duerk was the first woman in the United States Navy to achieve the rank of Rear Admiral. Our legislation would require the Navy to rename a naval vessel in her honor.

Admiral Duerk was born in Defiance, Ohio, raised in Holgate, and graduated from the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing in 1941. Over her long career, she treated wounded servicemembers during World War II and the Korean war. In 1972, she became the first woman in naval history to attain flag rank.

In August, I also joined Representative Tim Kennedy in sending a letter to the Secretary of Defense asking to rename a vessel in her honor and in September sponsored a separate amendment to this year's National Defense Authorization Act.

Our added legislation continues our effort to properly honor Rear Admiral Duerk. I look forward to working with colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, to ensure Rear Admiral Duerk's legacy of service, sacrifice, and excellence is properly honored and commemorated by the people of the United States of America.

Go Navy.

#### CHAMPION OF THE WEEK: REESE GALLAGHER

(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, today, I rise to recognize Reese Gallagher as the champion of the week for Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

Reese is a senior at Archbishop Hoban High School, and she was named