

The Lieb family also grows corn, soybeans, and a variety of grass to feed the animals.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Lieb family on this notable recognition and express gratitude for their enduring commitment to the Pennsylvania agricultural community.

16TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR THE FOOD BANK

(Mr. MCGOVERN of Massachusetts was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, food costs are sky high, and regular people are struggling to put dinner on the table for their families. More and more people are relying on emergency food assistance at food banks and food pantries just to survive.

This extraordinary need, exacerbated by Trump's cruelty and his administration's awful policies that have increased hunger made this year's March for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts more important than ever.

Every November, an incredible team of antihunger advocates, concerned neighbors, and Federal, State, and local officials embark on a 43-mile walk to raise funds for and awareness about the terrible problem of hunger.

As always, NEPM's incredible radio host Monte Belmonte led the group, pushing a shopping cart and rallying us to keep up the fight. This year, Monte's son Pax marched with us to support his dad and our effort to end hunger.

I was joined by my incredible family—my wife, Lisa; my son, Patrick; Wendy, Bill, and Courtney Talcott; and baby Hazel. Their support and commitment to the cause of ending hunger means the world to me.

I am grateful to Congressman RICHIE NEAL and former Congressman Joe Kennedy for joining the march. I thank my colleagues in State government for showing up and continuing to work tirelessly to protect people in Massachusetts from the cruelty of this administration: Our amazing Governor, Maura Healey; Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner Ashley Randle; State Senators Jo Comerford and Jake Oliveira; State Representatives Natalie Blais, Mindy Domb, Lindsay Sabadosa, Homar Gomez, Shirley Arriaga, and Pat Duffy.

I thank Northampton Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Greenfield Mayor Ginny Desorgher, Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia, and Chicopee Mayor John Vieau for marching with us.

The hundreds of other people who joined the march—students, advocates, members of my staff, community leaders such as Tim Garvin of the United Way of Central Massachusetts, Sean Barry, Shannon from the Martin Luther King Center in Springfield, and so many, many more—are incredible. We

had double the number of marchers this year compared to last.

Along the way, the marchers stopped by some of the incredible food pantries that serve the people of western Massachusetts: the Amherst Survival Center, UMass Amherst Campus Pantry, Stone Soup Cafe, Kate's Kitchen and Providence Ministries, and Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry.

We were able to keep going thanks to the nourishment of De La Luz and Holyoke Community College Culinary Arts program, Berkshire Brewing Company, Bub's Bar-B-Que, Holyoke Hummus, and Hillside Pizza. A shout-out to Dean's Beans coffee for keeping us caffeinated during the entire march.

I also thank local law enforcement—Deerfield and Springfield Police, and the Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin County Sheriff's Departments—for keeping us safe along the march.

I thank our media sponsors—New England Public Media and WRSI 93.9, The River—for broadcasting the walk and raising awareness among people in western Massachusetts.

I am so grateful to my friend, Andrew Morehouse, of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and his entire team, particularly the development team, for all they do to improve food security among people in western Massachusetts and for their work in organizing this incredible event every single year.

This march is tough. The days are very long, and we were exhausted by the end of it, but it is nothing compared to the struggle people in poverty face every single day just trying to survive in the United States of America, the richest country in the history of the world.

My great desire is to never again have to do this walk, not because of the long days or the cold weather or the aching legs and feet, but because I dream of a day when every family is food secure and no person goes to bed wondering where their next meal is going to come from.

Sadly, we are further from that goal today than we were a year ago. The Trump administration and the Republicans in Congress have taken a sledgehammer to basic needs programs that help regular people afford food. They have completely ignored rising costs and the needs of real people, instituting the largest cuts to healthcare and food assistance in American history, all to give tax breaks to the wealthiest people in this country.

This year's march raised nearly a million dollars, and that is a lot of money, but it is nowhere near enough to make up for the cuts imposed by Trump's big, ugly bill.

Charity alone has never, will never, can never make up for the hundreds of billions of dollars in Federal cuts. Ending hunger requires strong Federal investments in basic needs programs and a strategy championed by the Federal Government.

Until we have a government that is willing to meaningfully invest in basic

needs programs, we will continue to march in support of a future where we are able to finally end hunger now.

RECOGNIZING BRANDAN HOLLIDAY

(Mr. TAYLOR of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Master Sergeant Brandon Holliday.

Brandon recently returned home from deployment, serving with the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in southwest Asia. While on deployment, Master Sergeant Holliday served as a night-shift flight chief, leading over 56 security forces members for U.S. Central Command.

Master Sergeant Holliday's home unit is the 121st Security Forces Squadron based at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. He also serves his community as a law enforcement officer, as an emergency management specialist for the Kettering Police Department, and as a part-time sergeant and deputy sheriff for the Aberdeen Police Department and Adams County Sheriff's Office, respectively.

In total, Master Sergeant Holliday has 12 years of experience in the Armed Forces and over 15 years of law enforcement experience. Upon returning home from his recent deployment, Master Sergeant Holliday was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of his outstanding leadership.

What makes America exceptional are men and women like Brandon Holliday, the quiet heroes who put their lives on the line in defense of our freedoms. This country is forever indebted to our servicemembers and their families, who sacrifice so much to preserve our experiment in self-government.

All of America thanks Master Sergeant Holliday.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI CLERMONT WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Cincinnati Clermont women's volleyball team. The Cougars defeated Kent State Tuscarawas to win the United States Collegiate Athletic Association Division II championship. This is UC Clermont volleyball team's second title in its history. What makes this title even sweeter is that Kent State knocked the Cougars out of the playoff tournament last year.

UC Clermont dominated the playoffs, thanks to their tireless work ethic and family culture. Ending the season 23-4, the Cougars secured the top tournament seed and rode the momentum to the national championship.

Multiple Cougars were named to the all-tournament team, showcasing the amazing work the coaches and support staff do to develop these young women into star players. Winning titles is truly a joint effort between players, coaches, and parents. It takes teamwork to achieve great things, and that is something I hope the girls carry with them for the rest of their lives.

All of southern Ohio is proud of the Cougar volleyball team. I look forward to their continued success.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MAYOR ROBERT FOSTER

(Mr. GARCIA OF CALIFORNIA WAS RECOGNIZED TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE FOR 5 MINUTES.)

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mayor Bob Foster.

Bob was an incredible friend, a mentor, and a leader who gave so much to our country, our community, and my city of Long Beach.

As mayor of Long Beach for 8 years, he transformed the city into an economic powerhouse, and he led us through the 2008 financial crisis. He signed historic agreements to clean our air, to clean our water, and to clean our ports. He made our city government more efficient and responsive to residents.

Bob was also a successful businessman and CEO who brought his experience and support for working people to city hall. His vision and work led to the creation of our new civic center and downtown library. We honored that legacy when we named the new council chambers the Bob Foster Civic Chambers. It was one of the last actions we took when I was mayor of Long Beach.

His commitment to public service continued even after he left office. He and his family supported charities, nonprofits, and so many others across our city. They included mental health programs, initiatives for students and libraries, and Cal State, Long Beach.

Mr. Speaker, I first met Bob when I was a student at Cal State, Long Beach, and he served as a trustee for the California State University system. We served together again when I was elected to the city council and he was elected as mayor of Long Beach.

I was proud to support his agenda when I was on that council. When I ran for mayor, nobody did more to help my campaign than Bob. I was honored that he trusted me to be his successor for our community. His support was invaluable. I am honored that he trusted me, but most importantly, I am honored to have just known him.

His leadership is known across our community. He was a great friend and a great mentor. I enjoyed his advice, our talks, and, most importantly, his jokes. I will miss him terribly. All of our love is with his wife, Nancy, and his family.

Mr. Speaker, to his wife, Nancy, I will say that we love her so much. We support her. We thank her for all her work to our city, as well. We will continue to work and honor his incredible legacy.

HONORING SKIP KEESAL

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Skip Keesal.

Skip was a force, a friend, and a devoted leader in our community. He helped shape our country, our State, and the city of Long Beach. He dedicated his life to helping others and always doing the right thing. He knew everybody. Whether it was events he would have with U.S. Senators or with community members, he was as comfortable with those in power and in business as he was with community activists and the folks working across our community.

He was a giant in the legal profession, establishing one of the most admired law firms in California and one of the most powerful firms when it comes to maritime across the country.

Throughout his professional success, he maintained a deep commitment to our city and our people. He was the most respected and giving philanthropist in the city of Long Beach. Nobody did more than Skip.

He was tireless in his work for both the law firm and to countless charities and projects. The impact of his work will go on. It was a privilege to know him, to have worked alongside him, and to learn from him. I will miss our lunches, his advice, and his friendship.

Mr. Speaker, my thoughts are always with Beth, his family, and those who loved him.

HONORING BOB MAXSON

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bob Maxson.

Bob was the president of Cal State, Long Beach for 12 years, and he was also my biggest mentor in life. I am forever grateful for his friendship and guidance over the years.

More than anything, he was an incredible leader and teacher who devoted his life to the university and its students. His vision of excellence and effort to put student success front and center at CSULB turned it into the powerhouse it is today in our State.

He was the first president in the CSU system to win the Association's University President of the Year award by its own students. He won it so many times that the award was named in his honor. He coined the nickname "The Beach," of which Cal State, Long Beach is now known by. He enthusiastically supported its students and athletic teams across the campus.

Mr. Speaker, I first met Bob when I served as student body president. His kindness, support, and mentorship changed the course of my life. I know for so many other people, he was a constant presence. We stayed in touch throughout my entire time in office. He supported me when I was mayor, supported me when I got to Congress, and I spoke to him just a few months before he recently passed.

I have never stopped being grateful for his service to our university, to our students, and to our community. We will always be grateful. My thoughts are with his family and the Cal State, Long Beach community.

Go Beach.

RECOGNIZING THE SIAMESE TWINS MUSEUM

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Siamese Twins Museum, dedicated to Eng and Chang Bunker, located in Mount Airy, North Carolina.

Born in Thailand in 1811, which was then referred to as "Siam," Eng and Chang were the first documented Siamese twins. Early in their adult lives, they traveled around the entire world working in show business, but decided to settle in the United States.

After becoming naturalized American citizens and following a short stint in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, Eng and Chang, along with their wives and children, made the decision to move to Mount Airy in 1854.

They settled on Mount Airy because they sought better farmland and believed that the area presented many educational opportunities for their children. They each had 13 children. Soon after moving to Mount Airy, the two brothers became very successful in farming and were regarded as upstanding members of their community. Their many descendants have become very successful and prominent citizens also.

Mr. Speaker, the Siamese Twins Museum tells their story and does an excellent job of highlighting their lives through artifacts and interactive displays. Not only does Mount Airy house this museum but also the Andy Griffith Playhouse and Museum. Of course, Mount Airy is the prototype for the famous Mayberry series starring Andy Griffith.

Mr. Speaker, Mount Airy is a wonderful place to visit, and I encourage everyone to do so.

NATIONWIDE SHORTAGE IN PROFESSIONAL FIELDS

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I have heard from a lot of my colleagues about a nationwide shortage in professional fields like teaching, nursing, and social work. Our communities have done a lot of work to address these shortages so we can keep our hospitals and clinics and schools open. However, between pay, student loans, and even threats on the job, this is a hard time to go into fields like nursing and teaching.

Yet somehow, this administration found a way to make our workforce shortages in these areas worse and make it harder for people in professional fields facing shortages.

The administration just announced a plan that would remove professions like nursing, teaching, and social work from their list of graduate professional degrees, making it harder for people entering these fields to access financial aid.