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Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of John F. McMullan, who sadly passed away earlier this month at the age of 88.

Mr. McMullan was born in Covington, Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia with his accounting degree and master's in business administration. He was an avid Georgia Bulldog.

Mr. McMullan and his beloved wife, Marilyn, were married in 1959. Mr. and Mrs. McMullan had been acclaimed for their generosity both inside and outside of the State of Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. McMullan had contributed to more varied campaigns at the University of Georgia than any other donor in the university's history, a testament to their generosity.

As a history lover and a seventh-generation Georgian, Mr. McMullan dedicated 52 years to the Georgia Historical Society, serving as board curator and endowment trustee. He gave his time, talent, and resources to make a profound and long-lasting impact on the institution.

Mr. McMullan is survived by his wife, Marilyn, his sons, Tom and Ted, and four grandchildren. Mr. McMullan will always be remembered for his wise counsel, intellectual curiosity, infectious laugh, and optimism that the bright light of history will always make the future better.

RECOGNIZING CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

(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 Katrina Halasa, Johnna O'Neal, and Krista Galloway of the Akron Public Schools' science and health department as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champions of the Week.

The department recently earned the Presidential Award for Excellence in STEM Mentoring on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Science Foundation.

As one of just five organizations in the country to earn this award, this is truly an astounding achievement and one that our entire community should be proud of.

This prestigious award recognizes their dedication to shaping the future of science and technology through mentorship, helping to ensure that our incoming STEM workforce reflects the diverse talent of America.

Akron Public Schools' mission is to prepare each child for success, and as an alum of Akron Public Schools, I can attest to their ability to create successful students.

Katrina, Johnna, and Krista support this mission through the science and

health department by promoting inquiry and STEM opportunities in and beyond the classroom.

Together, Katrina, Johnna, and Krista provide 60 years of combined mentoring. During Dr. Halasa's 16-year tenure, the department lowered barriers by providing STEM opportunities to over 50,000 diverse scholars. Their focus on a three-tiered approach consisting of teachers, scholars, and partners allows all levels of our community to get involved in educating and mentoring our students to success.

Ohio's 13th Congressional District has long been known for its scientific innovation, and Katrina, Johnna, and Krista are also helping to ensure this legacy for generations to come.

Again, I congratulate Katrina Halasa, Johnna O'Neal, and Krista Galloway on this fantastic accomplishment, and I thank them for all they do for our students and scholars.

HONORING HARLAND J. TAYLOR

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

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Missouri citizen, Mr. Harland J. Taylor, on the remarkable occasion of his 101st birthday on February 11.

Harland bravely served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, earning his pilot wings to fly the P-51 Mustang. His military achievements stood as a testament to his courage and dedication.

In 1974, Harland returned to Aurora, Missouri, where he built a legacy in agriculture, buying 800 acres of farmland and doing regenerative farming, which was a rare practice and innovative at the time.

Harland's family is among his greatest achievements. His wife, Muriel, and their two daughters, Teri and Traci, helped run the farm until he retired at the age of 62.

Harland's journey didn't stop there. Even in his retirement, he drove an 18-wheeler, hauling goods across our Nation. As a pilot, Harland maintained his license into the 1980s, and he and Muriel enjoyed extensive travel across the United States.

Harland's daughter told me that people in town would remark how lucky Harland has been in his life, to which he would respond: Well, sometimes luck just looks a lot like hard work.

I wish Harland a happy birthday, and may his legacy continue to inspire our Missouri values.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PETER RAMAGE

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy

of my constituent, Peter Ramage, who passed away recently at the age of 86.

Pete was a lifelong resident and dedicated civic leader in Etna. He was a fellow Navy veteran with 4 years of service. He was a dedicated educator, rising to the rank of vice principal in Pittsburgh Public Schools and then principal of All Saints Catholic Grade School.

Pete was committed to his community. Serving as Etna Borough Council president for 46 years, public service was in Pete's bones.

In western Pennsylvania, a life like Pete's, devoted to family, community, and country, shows exactly who we are. We are humble, proud, and always ready to do our part. Pete embodied the very best of western Pennsylvania values: hard work, patriotism, and sacrifice.

I am holding Pete's wife, Mary Ellen, his family, and his entire community in my heart as we celebrate his life and mourn his passing.

Fair winds and following seas, Pete.

ENDING THE FENTANYL CRISIS

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

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, the communities I represent are just a 2-hour drive away from CBP's San Diego sector, and we have seen the impacts of the fentanyl crisis firsthand.

In 2024, the Orange County Sheriff's Department found 2.06 million pills laced with fentanyl. That is a 204 percent increase from 2023.

In Congress, I have been working hard on commonsense solutions to keep our communities safe. That is why I proudly voted for the HALT Fentanyl Act, which passed the House, to give our law enforcement the tools to crack down on drug traffickers and transnational criminal organizations funneling fentanyl onto our streets and into our schools.

I will keep doing all I can to secure our border and put an end to the fentanyl crisis that is taking the lives of too many Americans.

IT IS TIME TO GET OFF THE BENCH

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday, sports fans across the country will gather to watch the Super Bowl.

This great American tradition usually involves watch parties, endless commercials, and lots of chips and guac. These days, sports betting is also a key part of the big game.

It is easier than ever to gamble on sports. Americans will wager about \$1.4 billion on this year's Super Bowl alone. At the same time, about 7 million Americans suffer from a gambling addiction.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy a little gambling myself from time to time, but I also know the pain that comes with addiction. Unlike drugs and alcohol, there is currently no Federal funding devoted to addressing problem gambling.

It is time to get off the bench. That is why I am reintroducing the Gambling Addiction, Recovery, Investment, and Treatment Act, a bill that would devote existing Federal funds to the study, prevention, and treatment of gambling addictions.

This legislation will help get more people into treatment and on the road to recovery. I am committed to building bipartisan consensus on this issue, so no matter who you root for this weekend, I hope you will join me to support the GRIT Act.

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GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICAN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, we, the people, are tired of watching billions of our hard-earned tax dollars being sent overseas carelessly, and we are tired of the lack of transparency that surrounds those decisions. The American people voted for accountability, and they voted to keep the government in check.

The legacy media has painted Elon Musk as a tyrant and President Trump as a deceitful puppet master. Their attacks lean on the premise that Elon Musk was never elected by the American people.

My response to them is: How many people elected Kamala Harris to be the Democratic nominee for President? How many people elected those woke bureaucrats who fraudulently doled out billions to foreign lands, even terrorist organizations possibly? Every dollar they wasted was earned off the sweat of the brow of the American taxpayer.

Elon Musk, President Trump, and the Department of Government Efficiency have done more to save tax dollars for the American people in the past month than I have seen government do in decades. Instead of running them through the mud, they should be celebrated in the streets. The golden age of American fiscal responsibility is upon us, and I, for one, am excited to join the ride.

LOOMING CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, in a few short weeks, President Trump has unleashed the beginnings a constitutional crisis. He is gutting the Federal Government and trying to usurp Congress'

congressional authority of the power of the purse.

President Trump is flouting the law, and he has deputized unelected billionaire in chief Elon Musk, who is accountable to no one. They are dismantling Federal agencies and are attempting to freeze Federal funds already allocated by Congress.

Elon Musk, and apparently many of my colleagues, may not know this, but let me be clear: Only Congress, the elected Representatives of the American people, can authorize programs or appropriate funds. Everything that is happening is leading to one thing: the great billionaire takeover of our government to line the pockets of the very few.

This is not normal. This is not efficiency, and we cannot let this happen. My grandfather didn't fight in World War II against fascism to see our country overrun by autocracy. I will honor his legacy every day by fighting to defend our Constitution.

I implore my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do the same. America is worth the fight.

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

HONORING PASTOR WILLIAM McCARTY

(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 honor the life and service of former Isle of Wight County supervisor, Pastor William McCarty.

I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing in January. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Known to his community as "Pastor MAC," he was a friend and tireless servant to the Isle of Wight community as both a pastor at Healing Waters Worship Center and a local elected official.

He first came to our region as a 22-year-old in 1999 to revive the small Smithfield Church of God congregation, spending more than 25 years successfully growing it into the thriving church community it is today.

As the true servant he was, he successfully ran to represent Carrollton on the board of supervisors in 2015, working tirelessly to make sure that Isle of Wight was one of the fastest-growing counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

My thoughts are with his loving wife, Amanda, and their two children and their granddaughter. May God uplift his family and loved ones in this time of sorrow and bless his memory.

We will always be grateful for his service to his community and to our Commonwealth.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RETIRED MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD GREER

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

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the remarkable life of retired U.S. Army Major General Edward Greer, a veteran who broke barriers and made history as one of the service's first Black generals.

His military career began when he enlisted in the segregated Army Reserve during World War II. He achieved the rank of master sergeant while attached to the 777th Field Artillery Battalion, an all-Black unit.

Upon commissioning as a second lieutenant in the Regular Army, he pursued a second enlistment during the Korean and Vietnam wars. He concluded 33 years of service, retiring at the rank of major general, as the deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center.

Last year, in March, I had the honor of visiting him at his home in El Paso to celebrate his life for his 100th birthday.

On January 29th of this year, this extraordinary man died peacefully in his home. I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. We honor the life of this hero, husband, father, and patriot, and we celebrate his immeasurable contributions to our Nation.

DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Pakistan is an appreciated partner for 70 years of the United States, and our relationship with them is strongest when Pakistan embraces democratic principles and rule of law.

Sadly, Pakistan's military has undermined democracy by jailing former Prime Minister Imran Khan.

There are strong disagreements with Mr. Khan, including his weak policies towards war criminal Putin and the Chinese Communist Party, but political opponents should be defeated in democratic elections and not jailed on fabricated political charges.

President Donald Trump survived a corrupt judicial system and persecuting political opponents, and he knows the danger of persecution.

Pakistan should release Imran Khan, restoring democracy. Free Imran Khan.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks as warned by the FBI. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

Best wishes to President Salome Zourabichvili of Georgia and President