

I congratulate the team on a game and a season that they will remember, again, for the rest of their lives. They all brought home a championship, and they did it with teamwork and pride. They made us all incredibly, incredibly happy that day.

They made their school and community and so many smile, so I congratulate the Falcons.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE REHBERG

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

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of retired Oconto County Police Chief Mike Rehberg, who recently lost his courageous battle with cancer.

Chief Rehberg protected and served the people of Oconto County for over three decades. He was known by both the people of Oconto County and his peers for his integrity, compassion, and strong commitment to his job, family, and the community that he loved so much.

He will be remembered for his infectious laughter, mentoring of newer police officers, the stories he loved to tell, and the practical jokes he would play on his fellow officers.

Chief Rehberg represents the very best that we have in northeastern Wisconsin: someone who spent his life in service to his community and did so with a smile on his face.

My prayers are with his wife, Annie, and their four children during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Mike Rehberg for his life of service to the people of Oconto County. The legacy he leaves behind will live on in our communities for years to come.

IN SUPPORT OF LIHEAP

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, winter is here, and families across the St. Louis region and the country are opening their utility bills with a knot in their stomachs.

Right now, reckless tariff policies and economic uncertainty out of the White House are driving up costs across the country and squeezing working people who are already stretched thin with higher prices at the grocery store, higher rent, and stagnant wages.

That is why, now more than ever, programs like the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP, are so critical. Yet earlier this year, the Trump administration wanted to eliminate LIHEAP, a program that supports over 200,000 people in my home State of Missouri.

We should be focused on lowering costs and strengthening essential pro-

grams, not cutting critical, lifesaving programs that people rely on to stay warm in the winter.

Heating a home is not a luxury, and families in St. Louis should not be left out in the cold.

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LESS GOVERNMENT RED TAPE

(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, in recent years, the number of publicly listed companies in this country has declined, particularly among small and midsized businesses. A key reason for this is that traditional public offerings have become too expensive.

Compliance costs and government red tape have made a traditional IPO out of reach for many American businesses. That is why I have introduced my Regulation A+ Improvement Act.

This bill will update our regulations so more small and midsized companies can raise capital from a wider range of investors and with less government red tape and compliance costs.

This is a commonsense step to make our public markets more accessible, more dynamic, and more competitive. Our capital markets are the envy of the world, but we must continue to modernize outdated regulations that have not kept up with the times.

I am committed to ensuring businesses of all sizes—in northeast Indiana and across the country—have the tools that they need to grow, create jobs, and keep our economy strong.

MAKING AMERICANS LESS HEALTHY

(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 because the Trump administration's Environmental Protection Agency is quietly denying us protection from forever chemicals.

While Secretary Kennedy claims he will make America healthy again, the EPA announced it would overturn historical reporting requirements on toxic substances known as PFAS. Exposure to small amounts has been linked to cancer, fertility issues, and immune system failure.

This year alone, the EPA has delayed enforcement on drinking water limits for PFAS, fired EPA scientists researching new forever chemicals, terminated grants for PFAS studies, and approved pesticides known to have PFAS.

Across the political spectrum, legislators have come together to protect our children from dangerous PFAS chemicals. Now this administration is allowing them to be used on cereal grains, peas, beans, tomatoes, oranges, almonds, and more.

Not only is this administration making our groceries more expensive, but they are making our groceries less healthy. We must stand together against these actions. Our children's health depends on it.

ON TO THE ROSE BOWL

(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, for the first time in my life, Indiana University has won the Big Ten football championship outright, beating formerly number one Ohio State 13–10.

The pundits said Ohio State brought the third-most talented roster in the country. Indiana was ranked 72 at the start of the season, but our Hoosiers refused to be defined by those numbers. They responded with discipline, toughness, and a belief in one another that reshaped Indiana football.

This championship is a testament to the student-athletes who committed to the rebuild, the staff who kept driving, and our Hoosier fans, who stayed loyal for generations, awaiting this moment.

Mr. Speaker, as a former chairman of IU's Alumni Association and on behalf of 805,000 living IU alumni, we celebrate this historic achievement for our university. Congratulations to Coach Cignetti and our Hoosiers for bringing the Big Ten title home.

Now on to the Rose Bowl.

NATIONAL INSECURITY STRATEGY

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, at the end of last week, President Trump published his national security strategy. It could have been called his national insecurity strategy.

To say it is bad is a misstatement, understatement. It is disastrous. During Europe's largest land war since World War II, the strategy saves its harshest criticisms for our allies rather than Russia, with war criminal Putin, who started the war.

The document elevates strongman leadership models over democratic values, something unheard of in America. It is focused on spheres of influence and suggests that the strongest person in the region gets to decide the rules. These are not American values.

Previous national security strategies upheld America's commitment to democracy and human rights, strengthened our alliances, and countered powerful first adversaries like Russia and China.

This strategy abandons that tradition in favor of a narrow transactional approach. Notably, the word "corruption" is absent from the entire strategy. It is well known that global corruption fuels instability, weakens governments, and its absence is extremely dangerous and allows bad actors to flourish.

The national security strategy abandons our allies, our principles, and the values that have guided American leadership for decades.

HONORING SHERIFF RICHARD COLEMAN

(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 Sheriff Richard Coleman as Sheriff of the Year for South Georgia from the Georgia Association of Black County Officials.

This statewide recognition is part of GABCO's annual tradition of highlighting county leaders whose work strengthens public service and advances opportunity across Georgia's 159 counties.

Sheriff Coleman is a Savannah native, and he is a proud 30-year Georgia certified peace officer. He is a graduate of Sol C. Johnson High School, holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration, and has a master's degree in public administration.

With extensive experience across all levels of law enforcement, Sheriff Coleman is a certified Georgia law enforcement executive administrator and a former chief of police.

His distinguished career includes roles such as chief of internal affairs, assistant chief of police, and police operations commander.

Sheriff Richard Coleman is committed to continuing his service for the people of Chatham County. I congratulate my friend on this well-deserved honor.

HONORING FAMILY CAREGIVERS

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 48 million family caregivers in Illinois and across the country.

One in six adults in Illinois are family caregivers. They are a critical part of our healthcare system, yet they often go unpaid and unacknowledged.

Although caregiving is a full-time responsibility, more than 60 percent of family caregivers also hold jobs outside of the home. On top of time, caregivers spend on average 26 percent of their income on out-of-pocket care expenses.

From that financial strain to the emotional burden that caregivers take on, we need to pass policies that improve the care economy for all. I especially acknowledge members of the sandwich generation, folks who take care of both their aging parents and their own children. Please know that we see you, and we appreciate you.

Although National Family Caregivers Month was in November, let's recognize these everyday heroes every month of the year.

CONGRATULATING KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

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

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, the Kennesaw State University football team brought home the Conference USA title in just their second year competing at the Football Bowl Subdivision level.

The Owls achieved this feat just 1 year after only a two-win season, displaying a remarkable turnaround. Kennesaw State University has made the 11th District and the State of Georgia immensely proud, and we are excited to have the Conference USA Football Championship trophy in Cobb County for the first time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the university leadership, players, staff, and head coach Jerry Mack on an incredible season and a hard-fought win. We wish them the best of luck in their upcoming bowl game.

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SNAP CUTS IN RHODE ISLAND

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

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, putting food on the table is about to get exponentially harder thanks to the \$187 billion Republicans cut from SNAP in their big, ugly law.

These harmful cuts impact roughly 35,000 Rhode Islanders.

We saw the devastating consequences of SNAP uncertainty when Republicans let funding for the program lapse during the government shutdown. Demand at food pantries across my district shot up.

Thankfully, Rhode Islanders do what they always do and stepped up to care for their neighbors. I have joined volunteers at the Mount Hope Community Center in Providence, the ELISHA Project in Pawtucket, the Milagros Project in Woonsocket, and St. Raymond's Church Food Pantry in Providence.

I heard directly from Rhode Islanders about the pain of rising grocery costs and their fears about losing SNAP.

Many will be working for months to recover from the hardship of just 1 month of late SNAP payments.

CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK: KAXTEN MCGREW, BASTAIN NOWAK, AND LUKE HINKELMAN

(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 honor Kaxten McGrew, Bastian Nowak, and Luke Hinkelman as the winners of the 2025 Congressional App

Challenge for our district and name them as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's champions of the week.

Their app, Eagle Express, is an innovative system that allows students and teachers to better track and complete transactions within their school's token-based incentive program. The app will help teachers better manage students and students better manage their finances.

Named after STEM High School's mascot, Beak Bucks allow teachers to award points to students for positive behavior in the form of paper money that they can redeem for prizes, but Kaxten, Bastian, and Luke felt this was inconsistent and susceptible to forgery and fraud.

Their app, Eagle Express, establishes online wallets for students to virtually track their Beak Bucks balances and redeem them for prize rewards. Eagle Express also streamlines the process for teachers, creating more efficient ways to track and allocate Beak Bucks.

Mr. Speaker, stories of innovation like these raise my spirits and make me more optimistic for the future of our district and the rest of the country.

Kaxten, Bastian, and Luke are impressive examples of what our children can do when we invest in their futures and set them free to explore their interests.

Mr. Speaker, I, once again, extend to them my congratulations for being named 2025 App Challenge winners for Ohio's 13th Congressional District. We cannot wait to see what the future holds for these three young people.

THANKING PRESIDENT TRUMP

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank President Trump and his Secretary of Defense for acting resolutely when it became apparent a boat full of illegal drugs, including fentanyl, was coming across the Caribbean Sea.

Every year in this country about 80,000 people have been dying. It used to be over 100,000 people killed from illegal drugs. For far too long, wimpy Presidents sat there, watched it happen, and didn't do anything.

Finally, President Trump stepped up to the plate when he heard that there was a boat coming with enough fentanyl to kill millions of Americans. He acted resolutely. I am sure he had lawyers who told him he could and lawyers who told him he couldn't. He said, I am going to err on the side of saving tens of thousands of American lives.

Mr. Speaker, I recently found out that I knew somebody whose son died of a fentanyl overdose and how horrible that must be. The rest of their life must be devastated. I am glad President Trump feels their pain, and he is acting strongly in this situation.

I thank President Trump.