

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, BASTIAN 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.

OPPOSITION TO THE MILITARY SPENDING BILL

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this year's massive \$900 billion military spending bill.

This legislation gives more money to the so-called Department of War than to our Department of Education, Transportation, and Health and Human Services combined.

Mr. Speaker, can you ask my Republican colleagues to get serious about helping the American public? I know you seem to be judged by the content of your character.

It is certainly poor character to be not supporting our military service-members and their families. This mammoth bill does not support them either.

It certainly is poor character to block healthcare coverage for IVF, despite the fact that IVF is critical for helping Active-Duty personnel grow their families.

It certainly is poor character to ban initiatives associated with diversity, equity, and inclusion, even though these cuts will undermine military readiness.

This mammoth bill expands the administration's power to attack immigrants, including for our Haitian neighbors.

The few good things in this legislation do not outweigh the cruelty and the harm that will undoubtedly come if it is signed into law. The public does not support this bill and neither do I. That is why I am a "no" vote.

VENEZUELAN STRIKES AND CONGRESSIONAL WAR POWERS

(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 today to sound the alarm for our Republic and our Constitution.

Every one of us here in Congress swore a solemn oath to protect and defend our Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. We did not give any President a blank check for war.

President Trump is over his skis. Article I of our Constitution, the first power the Founders saw fit to forge into the foundation of our Nation, gave Congress the power to declare war and send our troops into battle. No one person can send our brave sons and daughters into conflict on a whim.

Instead, what have we witnessed? We have witnessed a dangerous, aggressive build-up of U.S. military power in the Caribbean.

Where is the money coming from to do that? What is it being taken from? Lethal strikes against vessels off the coast of Venezuela are increasing. Then the Secretary of Defense allegedly gave an order to kill everybody on a boat.

What is the legal authority under which those orders were given?

These strikes both are an escalation abroad and a direct attack on our U.S. Constitution here at home. Congress must reassert its constitutional authority to authorize the funds to pay for war.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly supported this year's national defense bill. We must conduct vigorous oversight to halt this executive branch unilateral war-making. Our soldiers deserve us to do that.

STOPPING UTILITY COMPANIES FROM PAYING BONUSES TO THEIR CEOS

(Mr. RILEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RILEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I just introduced bipartisan legislation to stop utility companies from paying bonuses to their CEOs.

This bipartisan bill is for folks in upstate New York working hard to pay their bills and raise their families. They are good, honest people who are sick and tired of being screwed over, ripped off, and left behind in an economy that is rigged against them.

There is a retired nurse in Endicott raising her grandkids on a fixed income, and right now she is trying to decide between the NYSEG bill and the toys on the kids' Santa list. There is a senior in Cohecton who stopped taking her prescriptions because she can't afford the meds and the NYSEG bill. There is a public schoolteacher in Ithaca who had to pick up a second job to make ends meet and still worries about losing her home this winter.

While these families are scraping by, the foreign-owned utility monopolies are jacking up rates again and doling out millions of dollars to CEOs sitting in boardrooms halfway around the world.

Enough is enough.

My bipartisan bill says we are not going to take it anymore. We are not going to let you take money out of our pockets to line the pockets of corporate executives in Spain.

ANOTHER DISGUSTING PARDON BY DONALD TRUMP

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, another day, another disgusting pardon by Donald Trump. I will tell you today about Joseph Schwartz.

Joseph Schwartz ran a nationwide nursing home empire and stole \$38 million through Medicaid and tax fraud. I want you all to remember that is our money. He cheated American taxpayers. He cheated his employees. He stole money out of their paychecks and kept it for himself instead of paying their taxes. He robbed them of their

401(k)'s. Elderly patients in his care got substandard care.

In April, this swindler was rightly sentenced to 3 years in prison, but he didn't stay long thanks to our President. He gave him a full and unconditional pardon after just 90 days. Trump and the Republicans cut \$1 trillion from Medicaid, and Americans are not going to have their healthcare.

Meanwhile, this guy literally steals \$38 million from all of us, and Trump lets him walk free and back home to his \$1.2 million home. Trump is laughing at his voters. It is disgusting.

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INTENT TO DESIGNATE PERU AS A MAJOR NON-NATO ALLY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-116)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 517 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2321k), I am providing notice of my intent to designate the Republic of Peru as a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA).

The United States and the Republic of Peru maintain a strong relationship built on mutual interests and shared security priorities, including regional stability, counternarcotics, and economic ties. Designating the Republic of Peru as a MNNA will enhance United States security cooperation in South America, recognizing the Republic of Peru's commitment to peace, security, and partnership with the United States.

The designation of the Republic of Peru as an MNNA symbolizes its strategic partnership with the United States in peace and security. Among other opportunities, the MNNA designation will foster expedited licensing for satellite technology, cooperative research and development, commercial leasing of defense articles, and counterterrorism efforts between our two nations.

I appreciate the support of the Congress in this action.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, December 10, 2025.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND CORRUPTION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-117)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United