

RECOGNIZING WYOMING HIGHWAY PATROL DISPATCHER CHRIS MCGUIRE

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatcher Chris McGuire, who served our State for 35 years.

Chris handled split-second decisions, juggled multiple emergencies at once, and saved lives on Wyoming's highways. She coordinated responses during snowstorms, rescued stranded motorists, and managed AMBER Alerts, all while training new dispatchers and supporting her colleagues.

Dispatching is not a job for everyone. It demands focus, courage, and the ability to stay calm under intense pressure. Chris worked 60-hour weeks, often sacrificing time with her family. Yet, she never wavered in her commitment to keeping our community safe.

Public service is more than a job. It is a calling, and Chris inspires all of us who serve and reminds us of the unsung heroes who protect our families every day.

Mr. Speaker, Wyoming thanks Chris McGuire for her remarkable career and unwavering service.

ADDRESSING VIRGIN ISLANDS HEALTHCARE CRISIS

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, healthcare in the Virgin Islands is in crisis. The Medical Executive Committee wrote an open letter to the community and to CMS, detailing adverse conditions in our hospitals. These include shortages of supplies, medication, equipment, staff, and patient placement challenges.

This crisis reflects systemic failures that compromise the ability to deliver appropriate care. These conditions did not develop overnight. Our two hospitals still operate under Medicare reimbursement formulas from 1982 and 1996.

While I continue to fight for Medicare rebasing, fortunately we have secured permanent increases in Medicaid funding from 55 to 83 percent and over \$1.7 billion in FEMA obligations to rebuild our hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, Congress and the administration must do more. Virgin Islanders deserve the same access, dignity, and quality of care as every American citizen. We will not stop fighting until our healthcare system receives the Federal support required to deliver standard of care.

HONORING ELIAS SUSSMAN

(Mr. FINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, today I have the extraordinary privilege of honoring Elias Sussman, a man whose life spans a century of American history and whose service continues to inspire and guide us.

At 100 years young, Mr. Sussman's story began in Brooklyn, New York, where he was born on October 28, 1925. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in December 1943. Driven by dedication, he volunteered for jump school and rigger training, earning the rank of Technician Fifth Grade and becoming a vital part of the Airborne Forces.

As a Member of the 17th Airborne Division, he saw heavy action, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and participating in Operation Varsity, the mass parachute drops into Germany. His heroism reached beyond combat.

After landing, his unit liberated American prisoner-of-war camps. Moving to what he thought was a nearby labor camp, he freed Jewish survivors suffering from extreme hunger, sharing every ration that he had to sustain himself. This act of profound compassion is the true hallmark of his service.

Returning home after the war, he was honorably discharged in April of 1946. Mr. Sussman's journey from the streets of New York to the front lines of freedom is an enduring inspiration to us all. We thank Elias Sussman for his sacrifice, his bravery, and his incredible 100 years of life.

EXTENDING PREMIUM TAX CREDITS

(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 hold Republican leadership accountable for their unwillingness to extend the ACA Enhanced Premium Tax Credits.

I am a proud cosponsor of the Healthcare Affordability Act and Protecting Healthcare and Lowering Costs Act. Both permanently extend these credits. My colleagues in the Democratic Caucus have fought tirelessly to extend these subsidies.

What has Republican leadership done? They put out a 111-page healthcare bill that doesn't contain a single word about ACA credits. What the bill does do is cause 100,000 more people to become uninsured. Without extending these credits, a 60-year-old couple in my district will see their premiums increase by \$13,000 and an average family of 4 by \$17,000.

My Republican colleagues can pull all the stunts they want to make it look like they are working on healthcare costs, but Americans are not buying it.

Mr. Speaker, as we barrel towards the December 31 expiration date, the people of Westchester and the Bronx need to know that I, along with my

colleagues, will fight for their access to affordable healthcare. That is something every American deserves.

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RECOGNIZING LIBERTY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

(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 congratulate Liberty University women's soccer team on their 3-0 victory over the Missouri State Bears to claim the 2025 Conference USA Women's Soccer Championship.

Ivy Garner was named the CUSA Player of the Year and Championship Offensive MVP. Lauren Lettle earned honors as the CUSA Defensive Player of the Year and Championship Defensive MVP. Midfield Bri Myers and forward Lauren Flax were selected to the CUSA All-Tournament Team.

This title marks Liberty's second Conference USA crown in three seasons and secures them in automatic advancement to the NCAA Tournament.

I commend these student-athletes, their coaches, and the entire program that exemplifies excellence, dedication, and team spirit. Their success brings honor to Liberty University, who trains champions of Christ, Virginia's Fifth Congressional District, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACK IN BONDI BEACH, AUSTRALIA

(Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep concern for the recent anti-Semitic attack in Bondi Beach, Australia.

This tragedy reminds us that hate does not recognize borders. Hatred toward the Jewish people is not confined to one nation or to one moment. It is a global threat, and it resurfaces everywhere. It demands a response from everyone.

Anti-Semitic events in the United States have reached historic highs in recent years. In Florida alone, reports have increased from 269 to 353 within only 1 year. However, what we need to realize is that America is an interfaith nation where Christians, Jews, Muslims, and people of all beliefs have helped shape this country.

When one community is targeted, all communities are at risk. Anti-Semitism has no place in Australia, no place in the United States, and no place in this world. We must condemn anti-Semitism loudly and reject all forms of hatred. We must respond to hate with unity. We must meet fear with courage, and we must choose to lead with justice and dignity for every single person, every single day.

RECOGNIZING STEVE REEDER

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Steve Reeder, a dedicated local historian and the chair of the social studies department at Monrovia High School.

He has taught at Monrovia High School for over 25 years. Steve spent nearly 2 years researching and writing "Our Town," a book that chronicles the history of Monrovia and the surrounding areas in Morgan County. He first undertook the project to help his students with pride and to have pride in their community. "Our Town" was published earlier this year.

Steve and his students have also helped with the installation of several local history markers in the community. In addition to getting published, Steve was honored by WISH TV with their Golden Apple Award, which recognizes exceptional teachers in central Indiana.

I thank Steve for his decades of educating children and for supporting Morgan County communities.

RECOGNIZING INTERNS AND FELLOWS ON CAPITOL HILL

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

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important role that interns and fellows play on Capitol Hill and in the district offices and the important contributions that they make each and every day to this institution.

Every semester, young people from across the country come to intern and be part of democracy in action. Their enthusiasm, service, and optimism infuses our office with hope, energy, and much-needed help.

Today, I lift up all of my interns but, most especially, my communications fellow, Claire Satkiewicz, who has served our office well for the past 7 months. Her strong work ethic and multimedia talents have brought my team's messages to life, especially during the government shutdown, when our constituents needed to connect with us most.

She even had to step into our comms director's role when our comms director was absent for jury duty.

She will soon return to Northeastern University to complete her studies, but we know her future is bright.

In sum, to Claire and to all of our interns and fellows across the entire bit of Congress, we are thankful for their contributions, their enthusiasm, and heart for public service.

RECOGNIZING STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS IN NC-14

(Mr. MOORE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize three outstanding high school football teams from North Carolina's 14th Congressional District who brought home State championships.

From my home county of Cleveland County, I congratulate the Crest High School Chargers, the 5A State champions. These young men showed grit, discipline, and heart all season.

Also from my home county, I congratulate Shelby High School, which earned the 3A title, continuing a proud tradition of excellence, proving that Cleveland County is a football home.

In northern Mecklenburg County, Hough High School captured the 8A championship. This incredible achievement reflects the talent and determination in communities like Cornelius.

However, these victories actually reflect much more than athletic skill. They reflect the support of coaches, parents, teachers, and communities who stand behind these teams. These young athletes made us very proud to represent the best of the 14th Congressional District.

I congratulate all three teams.

ABORTION CARE IS HEALTHCARE

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, the wealth of our Nation is the health of our people. Yet Republicans are doing everything in their power to make families sicker.

They want to deny children food, ban abortion care, and obstruct the extension of the Affordable Care Act subsidies. This is dire for folks in my district where, in a 3-mile radius, life expectancy drops by 30 years.

For my constituent, Paula, whose husband lost his job and became ill, the ACA has been their lifeline, carrying them through years of uncertainty as she became his caregiver.

This is a healthcare crisis that Republicans created, and it is inter-sectional.

Abortion care is healthcare.

Once again, the Republicans are using abortion care as a political bargaining chip. The truth: Republicans will send premiums sky high just to stop families from using their own money on a plan that covers abortion.

They are not just putting healthcare out of reach for millions; they are further restricting reproductive care. The shame and the sham of it all.

Mr. Speaker, we have the votes to extend these subsidies and save healthcare for our constituents. The House must vote on it now.

RECOGNIZING INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD

(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, I rise today to recognize the courageous men and women from the Indiana National Guard who are here to serve in Washington, D.C.

On December 6, about 300 service-members from Indiana deployed to our Nation's Capital. They have already started their mission in D.C. to keep our streets safe and free from violent criminals. I am especially thankful to these men and women for serving during the holidays.

These Hoosiers will miss cherished times celebrating Christmas and New Year's with family and friends to restore order in D.C.

While these Hoosiers just begin their mission here, this deployment is just another one of the ways on a long list that Indiana troops have supported our country.

In 2024, Indiana National Guardsmen deployed to Texas to secure our border. Earlier this year, 400 National Guardsmen returned from their mission in the Middle East. Indiana National Guardsmen continue to pour out their time and talents to serve our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, the Indiana National Guard's dedication to serving our country continues to make all of us in Indiana very proud.

RECOGNIZING A.T. WALL

(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, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a great Rhode Islander, A.T. Wall.

A.T. was a dedicated husband, father, and criminal justice leader. After a life-changing internship with the juvenile justice system in New Haven while an undergraduate at Yale, he dedicated his career to making the Rhode Island Department of Corrections more just and restorative.

During his lengthy tenure, A.T. founded groundbreaking programs, offering medication-assisted treatment for inmates struggling with substance use disorders and training service dogs for disabled veterans. He dedicated his professional life to fostering second chances.

A man of deep faith and dedication, A.T. was always happy to lend a helping hand to anyone, including me.

My thoughts are with his wife, Maria; his children, Harrison and, my dear friend, Ash; his grandchildren; and his extended family.

He will be missed.

TAX CUTS FOR WORKING FAMILIES

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, as I travel across Michigan's Fifth District,