

They, along with their fellow Black Angels, were recognized for their heroic achievements in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in an article that I submitted so they will be applauded and recognized for years to come.

I also hosted them and their families and descendants in my Staten Island office to properly acknowledge the contributions they made to our community.

Also, I am very happy to have worked with our local city councilman, David Carr, to get legislation passed through the council to rename a street outside of Seaview Hospital in their honor. That will soon happen. I thank Councilman David Carr for getting this done so we can unveil it this spring.

Their riveting story is beautifully laid out in the book "The Black Angels: The Untold Story of the Nurses Who Helped Cure Tuberculosis" by Maria Smilios, which I had the opportunity to read last month. I encourage everyone to read this powerful book to learn about this inspiring piece of our Nation's history.

The Black Angels heard the call to arms and boldly, proudly stepped into the hallowed halls of Seaview Hospital with their mission to care for the infirm, knowing they were putting their lives at great risk.

Their story is finally being shared with the world, and it is fitting that we bestow upon them all the accolades that they were deserving then during this Black History Month and each and every day moving forward.

I thank them for their service to Staten Island, to our city, to our Nation, and to the world.

HARMS OF FREEZING FOOD AID

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI) for 5 minutes.

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the administration's decision to pause or end—or as the unelected billionaire Elon Musk said: "Feed into the wood chipper"—government payments for food aid.

The thoughtless plan to shut down or pause the work of the U.S. Agency for International Development, USAID, is wrong for many reasons. It is especially harmful to people around the globe who can starve without this food aid, and it is harmful to the U.S. businesses and American farmers who sell their agricultural products to the U.S. Government.

In 2020, the U.S. Government bought more than \$2 billion in food aid from American farmers, but right now, because of this wrong decision by the administration, there is about 500,000 tons of food, including rice, wheat, and soybeans, at risk of spoiling. Much of it is stockpiled in ports across the country, including about 31,000 tons of food at the port in Houston, Texas, alone. What a truly senseless waste and shameful considering how many people around the globe are food insecure.

My home State of Oregon has a robust agricultural sector. We produce wheat, potatoes, and amazing specialty crops. We export more than 80 percent of our wheat production from Oregon.

The administration's egregious decision has been really harmful, and it is also harmful to national security. This is a national security issue.

The bags of food and the vials of medicine that USAID distributes are labeled "from the American people." That improves our standing in the world, and it keeps us safer because it is common sense to understand that people are much less likely to turn against the United States if we are saving their lives and their families' lives in their country.

This decision also goes beyond USAID because the Trump administration has also paused funding for several programs at the Department of Agriculture that support farmers, food producers, food banks, and people struggling to afford food.

At a time when food prices remain high, something I know our constituents care about, stopping these programs is inhumane and shortsighted.

On behalf of our Oregonian and American farmers, on behalf of those in America who want to retain what is left of our global leadership, I urge the administration to reverse this heartless and harmful decision.

STOPPING BUREAUCRATIC OVER-REACH AND RESTORING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, what we are dealing with once again is a power grab tracing back to the last administration.

President Biden's administration, before leaving office, put through a whole wave of last-minute regulations knowing they wouldn't have to deal with the consequences themselves.

The EPA led the charge, rolling out extreme rules targeting the production of fuel and electricity, driving up our energy costs even more, hitting American industry and families hard.

The White House also used NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act, to slow down critical infrastructure and energy projects with excessive red tape, putting politics over progress.

NEPA was also weaponized to stop important timber harvests, which would help prevent wildfire and would help prevent fires like we saw in southern California, if more brush and such was removed and power lines could be moved and upgraded. They ran into one problem after another with NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, et cetera, especially last-minute ones. All through the West, there were last-minute additions to national monuments or wilderness areas. This means pretty much hands off by people going in and being

able to use those areas, whether it is for recreation, for hunting, or for important things like timber management so that we don't have such horrific fires zones that come from Federal lands like that.

Also, there are other important objectives, like being able to find more energy in our vast national reserves and the ability to continue with agriculture—new opportunities to store water for agriculture, as we see pictured here.

With Shasta Dam, in my district in northern California, we have an opportunity to add to that dam and bring another 600,000 acre-feet, which is desperately needed. We keep running into more and more environmental problems brought up by that with the weaponization of NEPA and, again, these last-minute rules done basically at the midnight hour at the last of the Biden administration.

The courts indeed are finding that these are overstepping. A judge recently ruled that the White House Council on Environmental Quality overstepped its authority with its NEPA regulations proving what we already knew. Biden bureaucrats had no problem rewriting the rules to fit their agenda.

Congress, we, the people,—and this is the people's House—need to fight back. We have the ability to do that with one tool known as the Congressional Review Act, which would slow down the efforts of bureaucracies that seem to be more and more unaccountable, by Congress being able to push back and say: No, these rules that you made are out of line.

My colleague ANDY BIGGS from Arizona has brought forth the Midnight Rules Relief Act legislation to the floor so Congress can block multiple last-minute regulations instead of having to do them one at a time. When an outgoing administration uses a scattergun approach with all sorts of bad rules and things that are harmful to the economy and harmful to our water supply, then we need to be able to have that ability to move more quickly in Congress, as well. That is why the Midnight Rules Relief Act is going to be important.

For example, what does this mean for individuals? We have one example here that my colleague HARRIET HAGEMAN from Wyoming is helping DUSTY JOHNSON in South Dakota with. There is a 75-year-old fence dispute there on ranchland that the Forest Service is adjacent to.

Instead of just resolving it, the Forest Service and the Department of Justice are coming in and threatening giant, 10-year sentences in prison and \$250,000 fines, when the solution would be just getting a land survey done and solving the dispute on where the fence line is supposed to be. They are trying to intimidate people into giving up their rights on their property.

We see time and again people with stock ponds and watering holes that

people built many years ago for agriculture, watering their cattle and such. Someone comes along and decides you didn't get the right permit for that many years ago or somehow it is affecting a watershed, and they want to take it away and fine the heck out of them for that.

With water-taking, like what is happening in my district in northern California, we have an emergency drought declaration, even though we have plenty of rainfall and snowpack these days. The drought declaration is still in place, harming people in Siskiyou County.

People on the coast, in Marin County, have been bullied off their land by NEPA and the environmental groups are suing them time after time so they don't get their grazing permits they need long-term. They can't afford to do any upgrades if they want to do the right thing.

Our water supply is in peril and our agriculture is in peril when you look at how important these crops are to the Nation, what is grown just in my home State of California. These things would not happen if this was not allowed to keep going with the weaponization of NEPA and the weaponization of the Endangered Species Act.

Time and time again, people finally give up. We have seen that with the Point Reyes Seashore Park, where people have been bullied off their land using NEPA and environmental organizations suing them to death.

HONORING SHERMANN THOMAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Black History Month by uplifting Chicago's own urban historian, the one, the only Shermann "Dilla" Thomas. Dilla reminds us that our past can teach us something important about our present.

I agree with Dilla that everything dope about America comes from Chicago. Dilla's Chicago pride is matched maybe by only my own. A lifelong Chicagoan, husband, and father of seven, Dilla gained prominence following the COVID-19 pandemic as he used social media platforms to share the forgotten stories of Chicago's local neighborhoods in just 60 seconds.

Since then, he has expanded his unique talent for making history accessible and storytelling captivating through guided tours, history lessons, speaking engagements, and lectures to countless organizations, institutions, and businesses in the Chicago area.

My personal favorites are Dilla's videos sharing the stories from Illinois' Third Congressional District in our own neighborhoods, including Humboldt Park, Belmont Cragin, and Logan Square.

By connecting the stories of Chicago's great migration that brought

millions of Black southerners to Chicago to the wave of global migration from Ukraine, Central America, and Venezuela we see today, Dilla connects us through storytelling, honoring our shared experiences and our shared humanity.

At a time when we seem to be forgetting history, Dilla's powerful voice could not be more pertinent to this moment.

It is my honor, on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, to commend Shermann "Dilla" Thomas for reminding millions of us of our interconnectedness, which extends beyond race and culture. I wish him the best of luck as he embarks on a new role at the DuSable Black History Museum.

May he keep telling our stories and reminding us of our history. I congratulate him.

HONORING GLENNETTE TILLEY TURNER

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to uplift Black History Month by celebrating my constituent, a lifelong teacher and a local historian in DuPage County, Ms. Glennette Tilley Turner.

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For decades, Ms. Turner has dedicated herself to preserving the stories of the Black resistance and of the multiracial coalitions that struggle against injustice.

Moving to Wheaton in 1968, Turner researched and studied DuPage County's history and participation in the Underground Railroad, an organized network led by formerly enslaved African Americans resisting American chattel slavery.

In 1978, Ms. Turner published her first book, "The Underground Railroad in DuPage County, Illinois." In it, she reminds us that, in the past, our country has faced moments that tested our courage and integrity and that, in those moments, we need brave leaders to step up and resist injustice.

May we remember that historians like Ms. Turner will one day document how we stood up in this precise moment. So, on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, I commend Glennette Tilley Turner for her remarkable service as an educator, a powerful historian, and a cultural steward.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Ms. Turner. Her contributions have been entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HONORING KIM NESBITT GOOD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated member of our community, Ms. Kim Nesbitt Good.

Together with her husband, Ted, Kim owns the Nesbitt Funeral Home in Elizabeth, New Jersey. In this role, she builds on the legacy of her parents, who started the business nearly 100 years ago.

Kim's advocacy and accomplishments run much deeper than just her business acumen. When it comes to uplifting Black voices and making real progress in the fight for equality and justice in the city of Elizabeth and beyond, Kim Nesbitt Good's legacy is unparalleled.

As the founder of Friends, an organization of Black women dedicated to the success and prosperity of their community, Kim has been a leading voice for creating change for women, families, and our community as a whole. As the founder of the Friends of New Jersey Legacy Foundation, she is working tirelessly to recognize Black history and honor the trailblazers who paved the way toward progress for generations of people in Elizabeth and Union County.

As we celebrate Black History Month, it is important that we uplift the stories of those who continue to make a difference in our communities. Kim Nesbitt Good is an excellent neighbor, a friend to so many, and a tireless advocate for the causes she is so deeply passionate about.

It is a privilege to represent her here in Congress, and on behalf of the entire Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey, I thank her for her commitment to serving others.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GARY GREENBERG

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life and legacy of Gary Greenberg, who passed away last week.

Gary embodied the meaning of public service, community, and care for others. He devoted his life and career to serving our youth as executive director and CEO of the Hudson County Boys and Girls Club since 1996 and in various roles within the organization prior to that.

Gary was a force in Hudson County. Even if you didn't have the privilege of knowing him personally, it is all but guaranteed that you benefited from his impact on our community as a whole.

Gary was selfless, devoted, and cared deeply about children and young adults who needed a helping hand. He went above and beyond in this role, working with teenagers in the club's Keystone Leadership Group to advocate for better mental health services in our State.

Our community is stronger, more vibrant, and more inclusive because of Gary Greenberg, and he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with his family and all those who loved him and were impacted by his extraordinary life.

APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MOSKOWITZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I am deeply concerned that we are headed toward a government shutdown on March 14. It is not