

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

about whether Democrats or Republicans would win politically. It is because we know the American people would lose.

Mr. Speaker, let me tell you why I am deeply concerned that we are headed for a government shutdown on March 14. I am worried because the Speaker has not brought the 12 individual spending bills, which is the way we should fund the government. In fact, it is the promise that was made by my Republican colleagues on how we would fund the government.

Republicans have made the argument that the last election was about the status quo disappearing, that it can't exist and that people are fed up.

They created DOGE, which is going through the Federal Government and finding fraud, waste, and abuse, so they say and so they claim. If that is true, Mr. Speaker, if Elon Musk and DOGE have found all that fraud, waste, and abuse, the hundreds of billions of dollars as they claim, then, Mr. Speaker, we can't fund the government by CR anymore because the CR would refund all of that waste, fraud, and abuse that DOGE has found. That means the only way to fund the government is to fund it by individual spending bills, but we are running out of time, Mr. Speaker.

We have a month before the government shuts down. We have to get back to the process of individual spending bills. If we don't, then the Speaker will be the one who will have closed the government for the American people.

I am concerned, and I am here to work with the Speaker on the 12 individual spending bills. Democrats are at the table to do that, but we have to be honest. We can't tell the American people we are for reducing fraud, waste, and abuse, that we are for government efficiency and to look at all these things we have found, and then say that we are going to refund them all with a clean CR.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to say: I am here. I am willing to stay weekends. I am willing to work for the next month so that we can fund the government appropriately with the 12 individual spending bills, a promise that my Republican colleagues made.

The Speaker has to start getting that train moving. Otherwise, he will close the government.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Wise God, what wondrous words You offer us: Your words of counsel, Your words of guidance, Your words of wisdom. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us. Who are we that You are mindful of us? Yet You made us a little lower than the angels, have crowned us with glory and honor, and placed everything at our feet.

Then how important it is for us to pay attention to the words You speak and to hear the insight you reveal to us. Your thoughts are not our thoughts, and so it behooves us to listen closely to Your voice, lest we become inured to it. Your ways are not our ways, and so we must discipline our steps to walk in the path You lay before us, lest we drift from it.

Hold us accountable to our stewardship of the knowledge and wisdom You provide, that nothing we say or do would cause us to stray from Your intent.

In faith we approach You with arms wide open to receive the abundance of spiritual truths You measure out for us this day.

In Your merciful name we pray.  
Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SUBRAMANYAM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### RIGGED ELECTION IN GEORGIA

(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, in October, the Putinist Georgian Dream regime in the country of Georgia rigged an election. This regime seeks to steal the future of the Georgian people and sell it to war criminal Putin, the Iranian regime, and the Chinese Communist Party.

The brave Georgian people are still on the streets for 76 days of consecutive protests. Eighty percent of Georgians want to be close friends with America and part of the EU and NATO, but the regime is responding with violence and arbitrary arrests.

The regime has given the Black Sea port to the Chinese Communist Party and has visited the regime in Teheran as Iran sends its assassins to murder President Donald Trump.

Legitimate Georgian President Salome Zourabichvili, who attended the Trump inauguration, is courageously standing for free and fair elections.

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 imminent as warned by the FBI. Mr. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

#### END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the party who proclaims to be America First is screwing over our farmers and making it harder for people in rural communities to survive.

This unified Republican government hasn't done one damn thing to support regular people or help them put food on the table.

The House Agriculture Committee is holding a hearing this morning about the economic crisis in farm country. News flash: It is declining by the minute because Donald Trump and Elon Musk work for the billionaires, not for regular people.

This self-proclaimed America First crowd is threatening tariffs against our closest trading partners and upending food aid that is shipped by the American farmers. The last trade war started by this President cost American farmers \$27 billion in exports.

Here is the sick part: Republicans are cheering him on because they want to use the money they steal from the American people, from farmers, and from SNAP recipients to give billionaires a tax break.

That is not America first. That is not supporting our rural economy. It is a sham deal for working people.

#### CONGRATULATING HIGHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Highland County Public Library as it celebrates 50 years of service.

In 1975, James H. Bowen petitioned the board of supervisors to establish a local library. Initially, it operated as a