

Jimmy is survived by his beloved wife, Marleah; his devoted children, Brigid Doherty and Leah Roberts; his loving grandchildren, Haley and Sophia Jones and Anna and Harrison Roberts; as well as countless other nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

Jimmy's loyalty to his family and devotion to his city made him a model leader, one whom all Buffalonians and western New Yorkers can look up to with pride and admiration. He will certainly be missed.

May Jimmy Doherty rest in peace.

SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE STATUS OF ELON MUSK

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BACON). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I feel compelled to remark on the outrage of my colleagues and others over the special government employee status granted to Elon Musk by the executive branch. We are hearing a lot of, oh, he is unelected or he is unaccountable.

Let me remind my colleagues and those voices that the vast majority of government employees who review and authorize grants, disburse billions of dollars, issue rules and laws, or even handle our Nation's pandemic response, like Dr. Anthony Fauci, are unelectable and unaccountable to the voters.

How about the IRS bureaucrat Lois Lerner?

How can we forget ACORN?

None of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were calling for accountability or investigations when Dr. Fauci was forcing his mandate on 300 million Americans.

None of them were expressing outrage when unelected bureaucrats were forcing 6-year-olds to wear masks or closing down schools or forcing Head Start students to continue to wear masks long after the rest of America had stopped wearing them and closing down churches and small businesses across the country.

Who can forget the government employee who leaked the pending Dobbs court decision?

No conservative has forgotten Lois Lerner of the IRS denying 501(c) status to those volunteer citizens wanting to protest the Obama administration.

These government employees yield tremendous power with no oversight, often making decisions behind closed doors that affect millions of Americans. Elon Musk was hired by the President of the United States, or brought on, to undercover waste, fraud, and abuse in our government. That is it. Every move being made by him and DOGE is being made in the public eye as an audit and not in the shadows.

Let's be clear because this really is not about accountability. It is about the fear of a system that might be held accountable and expose corruption.

CONGRATULATING THE DOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT ON 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

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

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Dover Police Department on 100 years of service to the capital of Delaware.

Beginning in 1925, with a mere two-room office in the basement of city hall, over the past 100 years, the department has grown to more than 100 officers, as well as professional support staff divided over three divisions and nine functional units.

Led by their 15th chief, Thomas A. Johnson, Jr., these dedicated public servants put their lives on the line every day to protect public safety and support victims of crime in Delaware's second largest city.

In all they do, Dover Police are ingrained in the community, working alongside our educators, health professionals, nonprofits, and business partners, as well as regional, State, and Federal law enforcement partners. Their commitment to community policing and their behavioral health unit reinforces their compassionate and holistic approach to public safety.

On the centennial of the Dover Police Department, I thank the heroes who have donned the badge with honor, courage, and unwavering commitment to Dover.

A grateful State wishes the Dover Police Department a happy centennial.

RECOGNIZING PAUL CALISTRO

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commitment of a dedicated community leader, Paul Calistro, to the State of Delaware. A former mayor of Newport, Delaware, Paul has been the executive director of West End Neighborhood House in Wilmington since 1991, working tirelessly to provide direct programs, services, support, and advocacy to Delawareans, their families, and our broader community.

For more than 140 years, the West End Neighborhood House has empowered generations of Delawareans to become and remain self-sufficient. Under Paul's leadership, West End has grown their impact, helping over 10,000 Delawareans each year. They provide meals, place people in long-term employment, secure stable housing, and teach critical skills to community members.

While the backbone of that work is the dedicated team of staff and volunteers at West End, at the heart of that work is the big heart of Paul Calistro. When being honored several years ago, Paul said that somebody has got to stand up and be an advocate for people who can't speak.

Whether they are a youth aging out of foster care or a single mom trying to get a good-paying job, Paul is an advocate for those too often left behind. Ever the selfless leader, as Paul cele-

brates his birthday this week, instead of asking for anything himself, he has asked people to support youth in foster care.

While Paul celebrates his birthday by supporting others, a grateful State celebrates Paul for his ongoing commitment to making Delaware a place that more fully lives up to our values as a State of neighbors.

WATER FOR CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in this ongoing conversation about government overreach and last-minute regulations that have been so damaging, I want to bring up how that has affected the water supply for California and for the West. For everybody that enjoys American-grown food, it affects them.

What we have seen happen is that there is an ongoing effort and an onslaught, really, to remove dams, especially in the Western States and in my own district in northern California.

What are the results of that? In order to somehow believe that they are seeking fish passage and greater fish populations, for example, with this government overreach, with these false pronouncements based on really faulty, fake data, what are we getting?

On the Klamath River we have thousands of dead fish and other wildlife after the removal of the dams that have happened. The silt loads that are behind that dam that we warned them about have been flowing down the river of the Klamath ever since. Massive amounts of fish are killed, and other wildlife are getting caught in that silt. We warned them about that.

They are pronouncing it nirvana. It is heaven because the water is flowing through there, and we have lost that hydroelectric power that the dams used to generate. It is becoming someone else's problem farther down the stream with the silt. If it doesn't wash out within 3 years, that is an entire salmon life cycle. It will actually wipe out the population of water that is sourced from what is actually a warm lake and is not ideal for salmon.

We see it time and again. The government overreach is affecting the smart use of water in California. Right now they are dumping water out of Shasta Dam and Oroville Dam in northern California. The water coming out of Shasta is actually flooding part of the town of Redding and then areas of Glenn County farther down the line along the Sacramento River because there is so much water going out. Yet there is still ample storage space behind Shasta. There is 600,000 or maybe 700,000 acre-feet behind that.

The problem is they don't use up-to-date weather forecasting in order to determine whether we should dump water or could we keep some of it a little longer because we are not going to get

that much rain between now and the target date of April 1 when they stop the so-called conservation of space for flood control.

We all get it. Flood control needs to be provided for behind these dams. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, that is their charge. It seems like their hair trigger is to dump water instead of also trying to conserve it. This is really based not just on the ideal of flood control but also fish passage and fish water because we are receding down in the delta. They are limited in the Bay Delta to being able to only move about 6,000 cubic feet per second via the lift pumps into San Luis Reservoir and other places where they could be stashing this water.

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We have a capacity of doing 15,000 cubic feet per second, which over 24 hours means 30,000 acre-feet of saved water. We are not going to have that opportunity soon once this rainy season is over with. Yet, we have a number of somewhere around 180,000 to 200,000 cubic feet per second flowing out through the delta that isn't being trapped and isn't being captured.

Do you think we would miss 9,000 more cubic feet per second out of the delta going into water storage for California than what is happening now out of 180,000 to 200,000, when you have got 60,000 flowing out of Shasta Dam flooding down areas and we have got huge amounts coming out of Oroville and other projects around the State?

We are not capturing the water. We are doing harm to ourselves. No wonder the people of southern California are actually getting really angry about what is happening as their eyes are being opened to how our State is being run and what is being done by government overreach by these last-minute regulations, these last-minute things that come in that declare yet another national monument. In my district, that means nearly a quarter million acres are now off limits for fire management on the forested lands or for other public uses.

The ideal for forest service land used to be—you would see the signs, "land of many uses." Now, this boils down to land only being cut off from the people and from wise management of our forests.

If you enjoy million-acre fires, that is going to continue to be the prescription because of last-minute, eleventh-hour pronouncements such as these national monuments that the Biden administration did on the way out the door.

We have the power in Congress, under what is called the Congressional Review Act, to review regulations that are made by the stroke of a pen. The legislative process is supposed to have all of us here in the light of day, on TV, in committee, where the people can watch us do what we do instead of so much power being vested in the executive, such as under the Antiquities

Act, which is where part of the abuses come from, all at the last minute, all at the stroke of a pen.

PROTECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DE LA CRUZ). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, any day now, President Trump is gearing up to shut down the Department of Education. This is the latest power grab, an assault on our kids, an assault on our teachers, and an assault on our families in our district that rely on public education.

The Department of Education is a lifeline for many low-income residents and students. When the President says he wants to abolish it, he is coming after communities like Detroit, Southfield, Dearborn, and Livonia.

The Department's title I funding ensures all children, regardless of which ZIP Code they were born in, can access public education, quality education.

Here we go. The President is attacking public school students. More than half of our Nation's public schools educate low-income kids but also students with special needs. They are going after the different programs that help children living with autism, children having learning disabilities, needing that special care. I know that it is the public education system that takes them in and takes care of them and ensures that they have access to quality education.

We also know that States across the country want to whitewash Black history. They are already going after it, as if Black history is not American history.

We also know they want to erase the existence of LGBTQI+ students and discriminate against our children.

I know without the Department of Education, no one will be left to ensure civil rights laws are enforced in our schools. We know that community college students in my district alone will particularly suffer, because 50 percent of Henry Ford College in my district receives Pell grants that are going and administered through the Department of Education.

I know folks are thinking it is never going to happen. It already has started.

If my colleagues support abolishing the Department of Education, then they should publicly do it. Vote on it on this House floor. Don't allow the little minion billionaire to do it. If they want to do it, then their residents, the American people, deserve to see how they will vote. Will they leave our children behind or not?

It is important, critically important, that we do this in a transparent way, because I know my residents want me on record voting against abolishing public education.

ABOLISHING THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, here we go. Elon Musk, the richest man on the

planet, and Russ Vought, the guy who wrote Project 2025, want to shut down the 911 agency for fraud and consumer protection that many of us call the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

This is where my residents call for mortgage fraud, to fight against different scams that they fall victim to because we haven't done a good job preventing folks from out of the country and others targeting our seniors and so many others.

Financial predators like Wall Street and CEOs despise the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. I wonder why. That is because it is the only agency whose sole mission is to protect working people from getting ripped off.

I still remember the success we had in going after loan servicers for student loans, getting back millions of dollars to people who were directly impacted by those scams.

Shutting down the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau lets financial predators run wild, and working-class families will pay the price.

Since it was created, we know it forced big banks and powerful corporations to give \$21 billion back to our families that were cheated, but here we go. President Trump's minion, Elon Musk, wants to steal hard-earned money from the working class to reward their billionaire donors and CEOs, to protect them, not us.

I know that the CFPB has had a huge impact on the lives of my residents, doing things like capping credit card late fees, holding companies who break the law accountable, targeting junk fees, and eliminating \$49 billion in medical debt from people's credit reports.

Think about that. No one plans to get sick. We have sick care in our country, not healthcare. No one should have to file bankruptcy because they got sick, and they couldn't afford to take care of themselves.

They helped also protect 15 million Americans that have medical debt on their credit report. It was supposed to be implemented in March to remove medical debt from people's credit report. It doesn't belong there.

I know that doesn't matter to these billionaires, but it makes a world of difference for our families who are just trying to make ends meet. They want to make sure that our government is about people, that we have their back. I know the 911 call they make to this agency to protect them has made a difference, but they want to eliminate that.

If they want to get rid of this agency, do it publicly. Vote on it. I have no idea why they are handing their duties and responsibilities and the oath of this office over to a billionaire that never took the oath.

HONORING J.D. ROTTWEILER

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