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RECOGNIZING KAMILLE NUQUE

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Kamille Nuque, a seventh grader who won the Glynn County Spelling Bee on January 15.

Kamille, who is a student at Needwood Middle School in Brunswick, Georgia, won first place in the competition with 14 other spelling bee champions by correctly spelling the word "astringent."

Kamille's inspiration to compete is her older sister, Kara, who won back-to-back Glynn County Spelling Bees in 2021 and 2022.

In addition to inspiration from her older sister, Kamille was supported by her parents, Karl and Mary, who helped her study by asking her to spell words from books.

Because of her hard work and dedication, Kamille was able to stay relaxed and focused on stage during the intense competition.

I would also like to congratulate Needwood Middle School eighth grader Julia Knight, who came in second place and will serve as the alternate to Kamille in the region competition.

I wish Kamille luck as she represents Glynn County in the region 8 competition at Georgia Southern's Savannah campus on February 22.

SUMMER EBT PROGRAM

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, when school lets out and the heat of summer comes, the promise of daily meals falls away for too many children.

Last year, summer meal programs in Georgia failed to serve one-third of our counties and reached less than 15 percent of eligible children.

The Federal summer EBT program fills in the gaps for hardworking parents who some nights might take less for themselves so there is enough to go around the table.

I have led three letters to the Governor of Georgia to encourage him to accept the Federal dollars that would give every eligible child access to summer meals. We have received no substantive response.

The next deadline is this Saturday.

Without this program, kids in Georgia might have to rely on only half a sandwich from a friend at the park picnic table or, God forbid, go without.

Please don't let Georgia families be left out again this summer.

HONORING CORPORAL ROBERT WILLETT, JR.

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Willett family and the life of Corporal Robert Willett, Jr. Ninety-eight-year-old Corporal Willett bravely served our Nation in both World War II and the Korean war.

The son of World War I veteran Roger Willett, Sr., he fought for his family's legacy. When Roger Willett, Sr., passed away, he was laid to rest at Canaveral National Cemetery.

Corporal Willett made a simple request to honor his parents, which was that his late mother receive the memorial plaque next to her family where Corporal Willett himself will one day rest. However, due to bureaucratic resistance, this has resulted in 3 years of denial from entrenched bureaucratic agencies.

Denying recognition is a failure to those who serve.

My office will not stand by as bureaucracy overrides honor. We will continue to fight for all Americans.

The Willetts' dedication reflects our Nation and serves as a powerful reminder.

It is my privilege to speak today, and I thank him for his service and resolve.

STANDING WITH UKRAINE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, today, I stand with the long-suffering people of Ukraine. Theirs is a valiant fight to reclaim their territory, their sovereignty, their security, and their destiny.

Vladimir Putin brutally invaded 11 years ago with no provocation. Russia must be pushed back inside its own borders, and today, Secretary of Defense Hegseth stood on territory freed by 400,000 American soldiers, whose graves mark liberty's greatest victory over tyranny across Europe. Their sacrifice birthed the free world.

General Omar Bradley, one of our Nation's most beloved and great generals, created NATO. He would have been astounded at what Hegseth did in stating: It is unrealistic for Ukraine to return to its pre-2014 borders.

Why would Hegseth take Russia's side with its war criminals and murderous plunder of a free people? Why would he do that?

Ukraine's President Zelenskyy has consistently emphasized Ukraine's position that no peace negotiations with Russia are possible before the complete restoration of Ukraine's stolen territory and return to Ukraine's 1991 internationally recognized borders. The free world must achieve that.

GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I had a chance to participate in the Border Security Caucus discussion with Chief Mike Banks of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

With over 25 years of experience securing the border, he gave us a clear look at CBP's operations and challenges they face.

One thing was very obvious, though. Under President Trump, morale has improved dramatically and illegal crossings have dropped dramatically into the low hundreds, numbers they haven't seen in many, many years.

Strong leadership and real enforcement policies have made a big difference there. Chief Banks made it clear that CBP has a solid plan to finish the border fence, along with all of the attending technology and equipment that needs to go with that. However, without proper funding, that plan will not work out. That is not an option.

Securing the border means enforcing the law, stopping horrific traffickers, and holding illegal immigrants accountable for breaking the law. If we are serious about border security, we need to back CBP 100 percent with the resources they need to get the job done.

No more delays. No more excuses. It is time to act. Indeed, you can see by the improved morale that things are moving in the right direction.

WE CANNOT NORMALIZE CRUELTY

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, which I introduced with my colleague, Representative ESPALLAT of New York, last week. No one, no child in the classroom, no mother in a hospital, no family at a place of worship, should live in fear that an immigration raid should shatter their lives in the very spaces meant to protect them.

Under the prior established norms, we understood that schools and hospitals and places of worship were off limits to Federal agencies. Now, in my district and across the country, patients are skipping their appointments, fearful that they could be detained by ICE and separated from their families.

Churches are turning to virtual worship services so that they will not put their parishioners at risk, and teachers have been training to stop ICE from entering their schools, to protect children.

We cannot become a government that normalizes cruelty. This bill will ensure that the promise of safety in those places is enshrined in law.

In America, we do not weaponize fear. We protect our communities, and we do what is right.

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CELEBRATING THE OLD CANTEEN

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the legacy of a Rhode Island institution, Joe Marzilli's Old Canteen.

For nearly 75 years, the Old Canteen wasn't just any old restaurant. It was a gathering place where families came together, friendships were formed, and traditions were passed down over some of the best Italian food in the country.

Located in the historic Federal Hill neighborhood in Providence, the Old Canteen and its iconic neon sign became a symbol of Rhode Island's proud Italian community.

At the heart of it all was the Marzilli family, led by Joe and then his son Sal, who can now enjoy a well-earned retirement. Like so many entrepreneurs across Rhode Island, Madam Speaker, the Marzillis showed us that when you pour your heart into your work, you can build something incredible.

The Old Canteen may have closed its doors, but its legacy will never fade.

To the Marzilli family and to all the wait staff, chefs, and regulars who made the Old Canteen such a special place, I thank you for an incredible 75 years.

CONGRATULATING CAMDEN COUNTY EMS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate a momentous achievement for Camden County, North Carolina. They will soon have emergency medical services operational for the first time in history.

The county has relied on external EMS providers for emergencies, but thanks to the unwavering commitment of local officials and the community, Camden County will now deliver paramedic-level emergency medical services.

Such a transformative step means quicker response times, improved coverage, and, most critically, an enhanced capability to save lives when every second matters. In rural communities, reliable emergency medical services are not just a luxury but an absolute necessity.

Let us congratulate Camden County EMS on this significant achievement. We eagerly anticipate their first call, knowing that they will have a positive impact on the community for many years to come.

HONORING ROD AND SHIRLEY SAUNDERS

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

Mr. LATIMER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Rod and Shirley Saunders, who have both dedicated decades of their lives to serving the Bronx community.

Rod is a former president of the African American Association of Co-op City and the Wakefield Kiwanis Club. In 2004, Rod was appointed by the Bronx borough president to serve on the NYC Department of Education's Community Education Council. Since 2015, he has served as a member of the Riverbay Corporation's board of directors and is currently serving as president of the board.

Shirley cofounded the African American Association of Co-op City and served as board secretary and chair of the security committee for the Riverbay board of directors. Shirley volunteered for almost a decade with the Girl Scouts as a volunteer mom, helping out Daisies, Brownies, and Girl Scouts. She is currently serving our community as deputy city clerk of New York for Bronx County.

They are the Co-op City power couple. It is an honor to recognize Rod and Shirley's service to the Bronx today, and a grateful community thanks them.

REMEMBERING KYRE AMBROSE

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Kyre Ambrose, an incredible young man and talent who, in his far-too-short life, touched the lives and hearts of many.

Kyre was a source of joy and love to his family, his community, and the audiences he performed for, where he shared his calling, his true artistic genius, his dancing with all of us. He was strength, beauty, and poetry in motion.

Kyre was a recent graduate of Boston Arts Academy and an incredible contributor to the cultural fabric of the Boston dance community, as well as OriginNation, the BAA school community, and the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, where he was studying and performing.

Those who knew, instructed, learned from, and, most of all, danced with Kyre described him as a remarkable spirit who exuded love and tenderness on the stage and in his relationships.

The loss of his talent, joy, and love is deeply felt by the Mattapan and Boston communities. We mourn the passing of this young man on January 18, and we continue to grieve his absence.

To his beloved mom, Rina; to his father, Kyron; to his sisters, Hope and Ky'Leah; and to his grandparents, fam-

ily, and friends, thank you for sharing the bright light and gift that Kyre was for so many of us. His memory and legacy will continue to dance in our hearts and minds forever.

Thank you, Kyre. We are honoring you here today on the House floor because I do consider your loss to be a loss for our Nation.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS DELIVERING RESULTS FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, the 119th Congress has been off to a great start with House Republicans delivering results for the American people.

This week, we are continuing our efforts to reverse the Biden administration's harmful policies and further protect our country from a dangerous, illegal border invasion.

Today, we passed Congressman BIGGS' Midnight Rules Relief Act to amend the Congressional Review Act to allow Congress to disapprove of multiple rules through one joint resolution if rules were issued during the last year of a President's term in office.

House Republicans will also vote on Congressman CISCOMAN's Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act, which holds accountable illegal immigrants who break our laws and engage in dangerous high-speed chases in our border communities.

I am grateful to my colleagues for joining me this evening to discuss these necessary pieces of legislation.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA).

STOPPING REGULATORS FROM TAKING AWAY AMERICA'S ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. MOORE for yielding. I appreciate his leadership in putting the spotlight on the important issues and important legislation that will help us to better serve the American public with what they have asked for.

On the whole concept of government overreach and last-minute declarations that have really put a kink in Federal land use, which is important for people, for energy production, and for being able to utilize and enjoy them, what have you, it was very dramatic and very aggressive at the end of the Biden administration.