

locals and visitors alike. Its welcoming atmosphere and dedication to quality has made it a staple in the Savannah and Thunderbolt area.

Guests enjoy outdoor games, keepsake photos, and a beautiful waterfront view that makes it so special.

Tubby's has provided not only great seafood, but a place for people to connect and create lasting memories. As Tubby's celebrates this milestone, we recognize the dedication and hard work that made it successful.

Here is to many more years of great food, great company, and great memories.

#### STOPPING APPROPRIATION WORK

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

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on a matter that is critical to the functioning of our government.

As House appropriators, we are tasked with ensuring that our Federal agencies are properly funded so they can serve the American people. However, we are being asked to perform this vital duty without even knowing what plans DOGE has for the future of our agencies, let alone the true role Elon Musk plays at DOGE and the rules it follows and under what authority.

How can we, as lawmakers, fund the government and trust that our instructions written into law are faithfully executed?

How can we make informed decisions that directly affect the lives of millions of Americans who rely on these services?

We are being left in the dark without knowing about what plans DOGE, OPM, and OMB have. The lack of transparency is alarming, unacceptable, and illegal.

We need to end Elon Musk's power grab over agencies and services that Americans depend upon before it is too late.

The Republic is in crisis, and Republicans need to wake up.

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#### AMERICA FIRST

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, we welcome President Trump tomorrow to the Capitol for his joint address here in Congress.

It is more than just a speech. It is an opportunity to lay out the successes so far of this administration and the important work ahead to restore American strength, the economy, as well as world affairs.

In just a short time, President Trump has delivered real results, end-

ing the taxpayer-funded DEI programs and stopping the government from wasting money on divisive policies.

He took decisive action to secure our border. The numbers have been dropping dramatically from those who were illegally crossing just a couple of months ago to just a couple hundred a day. This puts the safety of American citizens first.

The President is cutting through bloated bureaucracy and the alarming waste and missed priorities of programs that the American taxpayers don't even want any part of. This makes government work for the people, not against them, which respects taxpayers.

On the world stage, he has proven that peace comes through strength, rejecting the weak leadership that left America vulnerable and our adversaries emboldened, which helps to prevent wars that would happen and end current wars.

#### A STAIN ON OUR NATION'S HONOR

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, at the time of Ukraine's independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, Ukraine held the third largest nuclear arsenal in the world.

According to the Arms Control Association, this included approximately 1,900 strategic warheads, 176 intercontinental ballistic missiles, and 34 strategic bombers, an arsenal large enough to annihilate every person on Earth.

By 1996, Ukraine had voluntarily given up that nuclear arsenal in exchange for written guarantees of territorial integrity, signed by America, Russia, England, and Europe. These were guarantees that were reconfirmed by Russia under Vladimir Putin in 2009.

When JD VANCE and Donald Trump stabbed Ukraine in the back in the Oval Office last Friday by ignorantly repudiating those security agreements and by failing to defend one of only two nations that has ever voluntarily given up its nuclear weapons, it forever raised the risk of an uncontrolled nuclear arms race and a nuclear holocaust. It put a stain on our Nation's honor that will take generations to remove.

#### COLLECTIVE PROTECTION OF OUR IDEALS

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues: What kind of man asks for absolute fealty and bootlicking from the people around him?

What kind of man asks people to lie for him?

What kind of man is so petty that he can't admit obvious mistakes and lies?

What kind of man mocks veterans and then callously fires them from jobs?

What kind of man appeases and flatters our enemies?

What kind of man puts his own needs above country?

What kind of men and women make excuses for him and lie for him and cover for him?

These are the questions that are haunting me today. We need so much better than this in this moment. This is about the safety and security of our Nation and our allies around the world. This is about our collective protection of our ideals.

Americans of conscience, we must stand together and confront any man so wholly unsuited for what we ask of him.

#### HONORING KENNY BIERSCHENK

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of an extraordinary individual, Mr. Kenny Bierschenk.

Kenny has dedicated 30 years to enriching our community through music as a conductor and director of the Westside Community Band. Kenny has brought a joy to countless individuals across our community.

Kenny has led the group to national recognition as a top ten community band in the 2024 American Prize competition.

Under his leadership, the band performed nearly 250 free concerts, uplifting audiences at senior centers, festivals, and community events.

He is not only a great conductor, but a great person. He and his band have done so much community work on behalf of our children. Kenny represents the best of our community, and we thank him for his leadership and his lasting impact.

#### CELEBRATING EVELYN REALI BIANCHI ON HER 95TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my constituent, Evelyn Reali Bianchi, who will soon be celebrating her 95th birthday.

Evelyn, the oldest of five children, was born on March 9, 1930, to Italian immigrants, Dominick and Marina Reali of Amsterdam, New York.

Evelyn met and then married John Bianchi in 1957. They have two children, Ann and John.

Evelyn went back to work right away and began a decades-long career in the insurance industry, followed by employment at St. Mary's Hospital under Sister Rita Jean DuBrey.

Evelyn joined the St. Mary's Hospital auxiliary in the early 1960s, served a

term as president, and still is an active member today. She was also a Columbiette for many years.

Until a few years ago, Evelyn also enjoyed a side job as a tailor. She has always been a good cook and baker, sharing her culinary skills with her daughter and her son.

I congratulate Evelyn on decades of love and committed service to her family and to her community.

#### TARIFFS ON CANADA ARE FOOLISH

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the big elephant in the room, the Trump administration's imposition of a 25 percent tariff on U.S.-Canada trade. It will severely impact jobs and companies in the Great Lakes region, including what I represent, Northwestern Ohio.

My colleagues have heard it right. President Trump is going to put a 25 percent tariff on U.S.-Canadian trade. They are our best trading partner. What is going on over there?

Unneeded tariffs will cause prices to rise more on everything. Just wait. Cars will go up \$9,000 to \$12,000 a vehicle. Costs of grain will go up. The cost of road salt, potash, oil, gasoline will skyrocket dangerously. Let me state plainly that 25 percent tariffs on Canada are foolish.

The people and businesses of our region and the industrial Midwest overwhelmingly oppose the administration's unnecessary trade war with Canada. Tariffs can be imposed in a smart and targeted approach. The Trump tariff is nothing like that.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all citizens to contact the White House. Put it simply: Don't hurt North American trade with Canada. It works. Don't kill what isn't broken.

#### HONORING CAROL ANN CLAY

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of Carol Clay, a remarkable woman whose impact on St. Louis and our Nation will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, it saddens me that my first opportunity to honor the Clay family comes at such a difficult time as we mourn an extraordinary woman.

Carol Clay was a pillar of strength, grace, and conviction. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She stood shoulder to shoulder with her husband, former Congressman Bill Clay, in the fight for justice.

Her legacy lives on in the young people who were uplifted through the CBC Spouses Scholarship Fund, the community she strengthened, and the family she nurtured.

My deepest condolences to Congressman Clay, Sr.; to Lacy; and the entire Clay family. May Carol Clay rest in peace, and may her memory continue to guide us toward a more just and compassionate world.

#### DON'T UNDERESTIMATE SUSAN PERRI

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, last week, the first speaker in line at my townhall was Susan Perri.

My colleagues wouldn't know it at first, but Susan has difficulty speaking. Within the last 6 months, she had a 7-centimeter tumor removed from her adrenal gland, but Susan is refusing to stay quiet.

She made sure to be the first in line to share her story and how the Republican budget cuts to Medicaid and research will impact her, her family, and the American people. I could hear her loud and clear.

That is why I am honored that Susan will be my guest at the President's joint address because we should all hear her voice, too.

Susan is a retired special education teacher from Fauquier County. Her husband is a retired Postal Service employee of 44 years, worried about his retirement benefits getting cut. Her son has cystic fibrosis, and her son has benefited from cutting-edge NIH research and lifesaving medication approved by the Federal Government.

As this administration is cutting the very science that saves lives, Susan's fight gives me hope that we can all make our voices heard and fight for change.

Don't underestimate Susan, and don't underestimate the American people.

#### HONORING JAMES ROGER RICE

(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 honor the life of James Roger Rice, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, attorney, and a man of deep faith, who passed away on February 16, 2025.

Roger was a standout student athlete at Hutchinson Technical High School and earned a full college scholarship to play basketball at King's College in Pennsylvania. He pursued his J.D. at the University of Buffalo where, after a fateful meeting, he met his future wife, Gail, on their first day at law school.

They started a law firm together, Rice & Rice, which eventually included both of their sons, serving countless clients with integrity and compassion.

Gail and their son Jared have both served as city judges in the city of New Rochelle. Roger's faith, instilled in

him at a young age by his mother, was central to who he was. His commitment to his faith was evident in how he lived: serving his community and mentoring others.

Roger left a lasting impression on the New Rochelle community in the 16th District, touching many lives, and will be greatly missed.

Rest in power, Roger.

#### A FOCUS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION

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

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, some Puerto Rican officials will be in D.C. this week lobbying for statehood for Puerto Rico.

Last November, 51 percent of Puerto Ricans refused to vote for statehood. That day, the people of Puerto Rico elected me with a clear mandate to focus on economic development and reconstruction, not on political status.

The government of Puerto Rico can spend its time however it wants. I cannot and will not spend mine on the issue of status.

I would rather talk about the status of our supply chain and how Puerto Rico can help strengthen it.

I would rather talk about the status of our electric grid and all of the steps that we need to take to fix it.

I would rather talk about an agenda that unites Puerto Ricans, Democrats, and Republicans.

Mr. Speaker, unity, not division, is the path forward.

#### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled joint resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 35. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions".

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows: