

The defunding's latest horror: The Department of Homeland Security's Office for Bombing Prevention just canceled a training class on how to handle IEDs.

Actually, it's unthinkable: Airport misery and flight safety are bad enough, but defunding bomb prevention—at a time like this?

Dems are holding the nation's security and air travel hostage in a purely symbolic protest to prove their hatred of ICE to their base.

The funding cutoff doesn't even hit ICE, which already got ample cash in last year's Big Beautiful Bill Act.

It's well past time for Democrats to end the games and think about everyday Americans for a change.

Appreciated former House Foreign Affairs and Homeland Security Committee Chairman MIKE McCAUL has correctly warned that Democrats are being irresponsible by shutting down the Department of Homeland Security during an increased threat from Iranian terrorists, and that they will have "blood on their hands" by not preventing attacks.

Provocative insightful Sean Hannity stands with Trump exposing isolationists as either dumb or evil.

Coordinating with determined Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, destroying the capability of eleven nuclear bombs boasted by Iran to Envoy Steve Witkoff is existential for Western civilization. Iran building intercontinental ballistic missiles puts all of Europe and South and Central Asia at risk with drone attacks already our valued NATO member Türkiye, along with Azerbaijan.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops as the Global War on Terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating Peace Through Strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting and mocking Trump as Putin provides targeting directions to Iran to murder Americans.

RECOGNIZING MR. THOMAS
"MUCKA" McGRATH

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Thomas "Mucka" McGrath, President of the South Boston Citizens Association, a steadfast steward of Boston's history and a tireless champion of community in South Boston, Massachusetts.

For years, Tom McGrath has stood at the center of some of our city's most meaningful traditions, including the annual Evacuation Day commemorations at Dorchester Heights. As organizer and guiding force behind this and many other events, Tom has worked diligently to ensure that the legacy of March 17, 1776—the day British forces evacuated Boston following General George Washington's successful fortification of the Heights—is duly honored and celebrated.

This year marks the 250th anniversary of that historic moment. It is a milestone in the history of Boston, and in the founding story of our great Nation. Through Tom's leadership, the Evacuation Day ceremonies have grown into a fitting tribute to the courage and sac-

rifices of those who secured one of the first major victories of the American Revolutionary War. He has helped transform remembrance into renewal by bringing together veterans, elected officials, students, families, and neighbors in a shared celebration of American independence and Boston pride.

Tom's work extends far beyond event planning. As President of the South Boston Citizens Association, he has dedicated himself to strengthening civic life in our community. He understands that history is not simply something we commemorate once a year; it is something we live out in how we serve one another. Under his leadership, the South Boston Citizens Association has continued its longstanding mission of promoting civic engagement, neighborhood pride, and respect for the traditions that define South Boston. In a rapidly changing city, Tom McGrath has been a steady hand, ensuring that progress does not come at the expense of memory and that future generations understand the sacrifices that built today's community. His commitment reflects a deep love of neighborhood and country, and an abiding belief that local traditions are the foundation of our national identity.

Mr. Speaker, it is often said that our freedom was secured at Dorchester Heights. Thanks to leaders like Tom McGrath, the spirit of that victory endures 250 years later.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Thomas "Mucka" McGrath for his service to South Boston and to the City of Boston, and in thanking him for preserving and honoring the legacy of Dorchester Heights for generations to come.

HONORING STATE SENATOR LORI
BERMAN

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Florida State Senate Minority Leader Lori Berman and congratulate her on her retirement after 16 years of exceptional public service in the Florida Legislature.

A proud voice for Palm Beach County, Senator Berman has been a fearless advocate—fighting for the fundamental priorities her constituents care about: reproductive freedom, voting rights, strong public schools, affordable health care, economic growth, climate action, and commonsense gun safety.

Born in New York, Senator Berman graduated magna cum laude from Tufts University and went on to earn advanced degrees from George Washington University and the University of Miami School of Law. She built a successful legal career in South Florida before bringing her talents and tenacity to public service.

From her first election to the Florida House in 2010 to her election to the Senate in 2018, Senator Berman has led with integrity, purpose, and heart. Her colleagues recognized that leadership when they unanimously elected her Senate Democratic Leader in 2025. Her long list of honors—from Legislator of the

Year to Champion of Florida's Middle Class—reflects not just achievement, but impact.

But titles alone do not capture who Lori Berman is. She is a principled leader. A relentless advocate and a trusted voice for fairness and opportunity. As she retires, we honor not only her years of service, but the values she has carried into every fight—integrity, compassion, and a deep commitment to justice.

Please join me in thanking Senator Lori Berman for her extraordinary contributions to Florida and wishing her continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF WILLIAM HUSTON GNODTKE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of William Huston Gnodtke, a steadfast public servant, devoted husband and father, and a tireless advocate for the State of Michigan, who passed away on February 16, 2026, at the age of 87.

Prior to starting his long career in politics, Mr. Gnodtke proudly served our Nation for two years as a communications specialist in the United States Army. His military service reflected the same sense of duty, patriotism, and discipline that would define his commitment to public service.

After his military service, Mr. Gnodtke became a respected fixture in Michigan politics, spending 18 years on staff with the Michigan House Republican Caucus, including a two-year stint as executive director. He later served as finance director for the Michigan Republican Party. In each of these roles, he worked diligently to shape policy and strengthen Northern Michigan leadership in Lansing. In 1988, he founded Gnodtke & Associates, a fundraising and political consulting firm that supported Republican candidates and conservative causes across our great state.

Mr. Gnodtke's involvement with the Republican Party ran deep. He served as a Michigan presidential elector for President Gerald Ford in 1976, state party treasurer, and for more than 30 years as a precinct delegate and county party officer in Ingham and Clinton counties. In addition to his party leadership, he served on the Michigan Board of State Caversers and as a Clinton County commissioner, always seeking to improve the communities he called home.

After retiring to Northern Michigan in 1997, Mr. Gnodtke began what would become an impressive 21-year tenure on the Mackinaw Bridge Authority, including 16 years as chair. His steadfast and principled leadership ensured that the Bridge's operational and financial independence remained firmly intact.

Mr. Speaker, let us join in recognizing Mr. William Gnodtke, whose life was marked by service to his country, his party, and fellow neighbor. On behalf of Michigan's 1st Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to the entire Gnodtke family.

RECOGNIZING THE OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Oxford High School boys' basketball team for winning the AHSAA 6A State Title. The team's record is 30–4 and is coached by Joel Van Meter.

On Saturday, March 7, 2026, at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center's Legacy Arena, the Oxford High School team beat the Cullman High School team 68 to 44. Tournament MVP Jaylen Alexander scored 11 points, had eight assists, and had five steals. Chris Latson scored 21 points, Marcus Pery, Jr. scored 17 points, and Caileb Wilson scored 10 points. This is Oxford High School's first basketball state title in school history.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebration as we congratulate the team, coaches, students, faculty and fans at Oxford High School on this exciting occasion. Go Big O.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RONALD W. SURIN, II

HON. SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ronald W. Surin, II. I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation honoring his life and legacy:

Whereas, Ronald W. Surin, II, born on April 2, 2003, in Pembroke Pines, Florida, was a bright light to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. The beloved son of Ronald and Shebella Surin, Ronald lived a life marked by faith, determination, love, and kindness far beyond his 22 years; and

Whereas, Ronald's spiritual journey began at a young age, culminating in his baptism on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015, shortly after being diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. Despite life's challenges, he faced each day with courage, grace, and an unwavering faith in God; and

Whereas, a proud graduate of Pines Carter High School and a senior at Florida International University, Ronald pursued his pas-

sion for Sports Management and Physical Therapy with the dream of one day following in his father's footsteps and attending law school. He also demonstrated his commitment to responsibility and service through his work with Target Corporation; and

Whereas, known for his calm, cool, and collected demeanor, Ronald touched countless lives with his infectious smile, his warm and loving spirit, and his genuine, friendly nature. An exceptional athlete, Ronald excelled in football, basketball, and track and field, and was especially known for his speed on the track. His dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship inspired all who knew him; and

Whereas, Ronald was deeply loved by his family, friends, classmates, co-workers, and community. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, strength, and love that will never be forgotten. He will be dearly missed by his parents, Shebella and Ronald; his siblings, Shenelle, Wellington, and Ronald; his grandmothers, Ella and Otelia; his great-grandmother Fannie; his girlfriend Sara; his aunts Miriam, Nanotte, Kechvide, and Naucie; and a large extended family of cousins, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends, as well as the many families he was connected to, including the Sarin, Pottier, Antoine, Cave, Jean-Pierre, Coachman, Sean-Mary, Gilles, Darbouze, Jackson, Lee, and Beavers families; and therefore, be it

Proclaimed That we, the 20th Congressional District of Florida, do hereby honor and celebrate the life of Ronald W. Surin, II. His legacy of faith, kindness, resilience, and joy will continue to uplift and inspire those who knew him. May his memory forever serve as a beacon of hope, strength, and love within our community and beyond.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF MR. ALGER BURNETT BIZOR

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Mr. Alger Burnett Bizer, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and respected member of the Dallas community, who passed away peacefully on March 3, 2026, at the age of 81.

Mr. Bizer was born on June 27, 1944, in Crockett, Texas, to the late Terry Bizer, Sr. and Annie B. Bizer. He was raised in Tyler, Texas, in the Jones Valley community, where he developed the strong values of faith, family, and hard work that would guide him throughout his life. In 1952, he accepted Jesus Christ

as his Lord and Savior when his family joined Sandflat Baptist Church. He was later baptized at Liberty Baptist Church in Tyler, and his faith remained a steady foundation throughout his life. Mr. Bizer was a devoted member of Denley Drive Missionary Baptist Church until his passing.

He attended T.J. Austin Elementary School and Emmett Scott Junior High School and graduated from Emmett Scott High School in 1964. Throughout his career, Mr. Bizer worked diligently in the service and production industries, including positions with Sterling Faucet, General Electric, and Piggly Wiggly, which later became Minyard's Grocery Stores. After retiring, he continued to serve his community as a school crossing guard, a role that allowed him to make a meaningful impact in the lives of local children. Ensuring their safety and seeing their smiles brought him great joy.

Mr. Bizer was known for his generous spirit, strong work ethic, and deep devotion to family. He believed in creating a home rooted in love, perseverance, and gratitude. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of his life, and he took great pride in bringing his family together. Sundays were often spent gathered with loved ones, sharing laughter, conversation, and his favorite meal—fried catfish.

Although a lifelong resident of Dallas, Mr. Bizer proudly supported the Los Angeles Lakers wearing their purple and gold with pride and cheering on his team each season.

Mr. Bizer is survived by his beloved wife, Rena Bizer; his daughters Sonya Renee Bizer, Wanda LaGail Wilson, and Kimberly Bizer Tolbert; his stepsons Marvin Castle and Patrick McDonald; his stepdaughter Tawana Castle; his brothers Charlie Bizer and Terry Bizer, Jr.; his sisters Marilyn Rainey and Evelyn Embry; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family members, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Freddie Bizer, his sister Sallie Mae Gossett, and his sons Christopher Bizer and Martin Cokes.

Mr. Speaker, Alger Burnett Bizer lived a life defined by faith, service, and love for his family and community. His legacy will continue through the many lives he touched and the generations of family who will carry forward the values he instilled.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Alger B. Bizer and in extending our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.