HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, 80 years ago this month, the National School Lunch Act was signed into law—and for eight decades, this program has delivered on a simple promise: no child should sit in a classroom too hungry to learn.

As Chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee, I am proud of what Congress has done to strengthen school nutrition. President Trump signed the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act into law—returning whole and 2 percent milk to school cafeterias for the first time in over a decade, supporting Michigan's dairy farmers and giving Michigan's parents and children exactly what they deserve: real nutrition and real choice.

Secretary Rollins and this administration also understand that good nutrition is the foundation of student success—in the classroom, in the community, and in life.

In Michigan's 5th District and across this great nation, nearly 30 million children are served school meals every school day. This administration is committed to making sure those meals are nutritious, locally sourced, and worthy of the children who receive them.

On this 80th anniversary, I am proud to stand with President Trump and Secretary Rollins in ensuring our young people have the building blocks for a healthy future.

PRODUCING RETURNS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT AND TRADE ACT OF 2026

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 5248 and specifically Section 8 regarding subnational diplomacy, an effort I was grateful to champion with my colleague TED LIEU.

H.R. 5248 is an important piece of the much larger effort to reauthorize the functions and operations of the Department. At the start of the 119th Congress, more than 85 percent of the Department was unauthorized. H.R. 5248 authorizes the Department's bureaus and offices charged with sanctions policy, critical mineral supply chain diversification, energy security, and building a cadre of well-trained economic policy diplomats.

H.R. 5248 includes important reforms to the Department, aligning resources with the America First foreign policy agenda. This bill puts commercial diplomacy at the forefront of our diplomatic efforts, prioritizing American businesses and protecting American industries.

H.R. 5248 includes section 8 which was introduced as a standalone bill in previous Congresses. In the 119th Congress, this is H.R. 5323, authorizing the office of Subnational Diplomacy. This office supports local governments across the country who trying to attract foreign direct investment to their area. This is especially important in districts like mine which has massive investments from Bridgestone, Michelin, Rolls-Royce Power Systems, Prysmian Group, and BAE Systems. I am pleased that this bill, which I worked on with my colleagues Rep. LIEU and Rep. MEEKS, is moving forward today.

H.R. 5248 is a truly bipartisan product. It was praised during the Foreign Affairs Committee mark-up in September by Ranking Member MEEKS and it reflects a long-overdue rebalancing of the Department's priorities—emphasizing commercial diplomacy and economic growth.

RECOGNIZING LIVINGSTON ''LIVIE'' AND THALIA WALKER

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Caribbean American Heritage Month to recognize two outstanding community leaders and entrepreneurs from Rochester, New York: Livingston ''Livie'' and Thalia Walker.

For more than two decades, Livie and Thalia have enriched the Rochester community by sharing the vibrant culture, traditions, and hospitality of their native Jamaica through Livie's Jamaican Restaurant. What began as a small neighborhood business has grown into a beloved local institution, serving not only authentic Caribbean cuisine but also as a gathering place where residents can experience and celebrate the richness of Caribbean heritage.

In 2005, the Walkers opened Livie's Imports Market on Chili Avenue in Rochester's 19th Ward, bringing a unique cultural offering to the community. Through years of hard work, dedication, and entrepreneurial spirit, the business expanded and ultimately found its current home in Gates. Throughout that growth, Livie and Thalia remained committed to preserving and sharing their heritage while fostering meaningful connections among people from all backgrounds.

Their contributions extend far beyond their restaurant. Through their leadership and community engagement, they have created opportunities for cultural exchange and community celebration. As organizers of the annual Family Fun Day in Genesee Valley Park, they bring together families from across the region through live reggae music, sporting events, authentic Caribbean cuisine, and fellowship, strengthening the bonds that unite our diverse community.

Livingston and Thalia Walker exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit, cultural pride, and commitment to community that have long enriched both Rochester and our Nation. Their dedication to sharing Caribbean culture, supporting local families, and fostering a sense of belonging has left a lasting impact on countless lives. It is with great pride that I recognize Livingston ''Livie'' Walker and Thalia Walker during Caribbean American Heritage Month and extend my sincere gratitude for their many contributions to the Rochester community.

RECOGNIZING THE POTOMAC SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAMS FOR THEIR SUCCESS AT THE VIRGINIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JAMES R. WALKINSHAW

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the robotics teams from The Potomac School in McLean, Virginia, for their outstanding performance at the Virginia VEX V5 Robotics Competition State Championship.

These students have demonstrated exceptional skill, creativity, and teamwork in one of the most competitive and rapidly growing robotics programs in the world. Competing against top teams from across the Commonwealth, each team represented their school and community with distinction and advanced to the elimination rounds.

I would like to recognize the members of Team 12C: Santiago Cangahuala, Nikhil Kothari, Julian Mankovsky, Trevor Nelson, and Cole Peterson, whose strong performance carried them to the semifinals of the state championship.

I would also like to recognize Team 12S Syndicate: David Hallam, Zane Amr, Jacob Cordero, Hank Kelly, and Shlok Kuchangi, who earned a place at the VEX Robotics World Championship through their first-place finish in the Skills Championship.

I would like to offer special recognition to Team 12Z Zap: Tony Diller, Quentin Toner, Sophia Vilela, Alejandra Villafuerte, Deven Tuladhar, Aidan Kaminski, and Samuel Kim. Team 12Z delivered an exceptional performance at the state championship, finishing with an undefeated 8–0 record and winning the tournament title. In addition to their competitive success, they earned the Excellence Award, the highest honor in the competition, recognizing overall achievement in match performance, robot design, engineering documentation, and team interview.

With this accomplishment, Team 12Z has qualified to represent Virginia at the VEX Robotics World Championship in St. Louis. The success of these teams reflects the strength of STEM education in Northern Virginia and the dedication of the teachers, coaches, mentors, and families who support these students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the robotics teams of The Potomac School on their recent achievements and wishing them continued success as they represent our region on the global stage at the VEX Robotics World Championship.