

about priorities. It is about choosing care, dignity, and security for families, instead of policies that push healthcare out of reach.

Mr. Speaker, let's get this done. Let's take care of the American people.

#### HONORING CLINTON COUNTY RECORD

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the end of an era. The oldest newspaper in Clinton County, Pennsylvania, ceased operations on December 31.

After 154 years of delivering the news, the weekly Clinton County Record, formerly known as the Renovo Record, has stopped publishing due to escalating costs, a declining subscription base, and a lack of advertisers.

Despite these challenges, it has a long and storied history that began in 1871 when Renovo businessman John Upton Shaffer founded the Renovo Daily Record and published its first edition.

The first issue of The Record noted that the letters for the printing press had not been delivered in their entirety until the previous day. The first half of the alphabet, from A through M, had arrived in the previous week. The first issue nearly had to go to press without the second half of the alphabet. Fortunately, the rest of the letters were delivered in time for publication.

Back then, it was a daily paper, except Sunday, bringing the news to those who lived in the railroad town.

In 1887, Shaffer was elected to the Pennsylvania State legislature. His son, John Shaffer, Jr., took over the management of the newspaper. The elder Shaffer died in 1902, and his sons continued publishing.

Since 1871, The Record has been 100 percent independently owned and operated with notable local names publishing the paper after the Shaffers, including Ron Dremel, John Lipez, and, most recently, Michael Frank.

The newspaper covered local news, education, government, sports, and more. This is a devastating loss to the community that has relied on this paper since 1871.

In 2021, on its 150th anniversary, The Record had a special print edition. This year, on its final publication, I was pleased and honored to have it reported that Bucktail Medical Center in Renovo would receive more than \$260,000 in Federal funding to bring important upgrades to the facility. I was honored to secure that funding.

Mr. Speaker, it is never easy when we see our local institutions close, especially those that have played such an important role in our communities like The Record has over the past 154 years.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the staff who have worked diligently over the years to deliver the news to the people of Clinton County. For 154

years, through generations of change, The Record has been there. We are all grateful for that.

HONORING DOUG LAMALFA

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, for those who are in the Chamber or perhaps viewing online, this morning they will see we are missing an individual who has always been here at morning session, at noon for 1 minutes, and maybe after votes for 1 minutes. I am speaking of DOUG LAMALFA, a dear friend from California.

DOUG passed away yesterday. In honor of him, as is tradition, we have reserved a memorial seat in the first speaking position on the Republican side.

DOUG was a great friend and a great agricultural leader. He was a champion for forestry and rural communities. We traveled the country, preparing for the farm bill that we had been working on. Half of it has been accomplished with the other half still to go.

Mr. Speaker, he was a rice farmer. I have been on his farm in northern California. I can tell you he was kind of a crazy muscle car driver. I hung on tight riding with DOUG.

DOUG has left his mark. Our prayers go out to Jill and his family. Later this week, we will have other opportunities for Members on both sides of the aisle to offer their tributes and memories to DOUG.

Mr. Speaker, we want to let DOUG know that he can rest easy in the arms of God. We have got this.

#### CELEBRATING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE FOR FAMILIES

(Ms. MCBRIDE of Delaware was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate that paid family and medical leave officially began in Delaware on January 1.

There is nothing that I am prouder of during my time in the Delaware State Senate than leading the successful effort to pass paid family and medical leave for workers and families across our State.

After years of work and preparation, Delaware's Paid Family and Medical Leave program is finally a reality across our State. Paid family and medical leave is about dignity, plain and simple. It means a parent can be there for their newborn child, a worker can recover from severe illness, and a caregiver can support an aging parent, all without falling behind on groceries or rent.

Paid leave will strengthen families, support small businesses, and make our State more affordable for the people who live and work in it.

I was proud to work with my colleagues in the State legislature to pass this bipartisan achievement. It is proof that when we listen to one another and focus on solutions, we can deliver for our constituents. That is something

this Chamber would do well to remember.

I am incredibly proud of the work that we have accomplished in Delaware. I am grateful to all of the advocates who made this progress possible, including the Delaware Cares Coalition led by Liz Richards.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue working to ensure paid family and medical leave is not just the law of the land in Delaware but nationwide. Good policy that is grounded in dignity and supported by a supermajority of Americans is precisely the sort of work that we should be doing together.

HONORING CORPORAL GRADE ONE MATTHEW TYLER "TY" SNOOK

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Corporal Grade One Matthew Tyler "Ty" Snook.

On December 23, just 2 days before Christmas, Ty Snook was shot and killed while working an overtime assignment at the DMV just outside of Wilmington.

Corporal Snook served the State of Delaware as a trooper for a decade. He was known by his peers and his community as dependable, professional, and a committed neighbor. His death is a tragic reminder of the sacrifice that our law enforcement officers risk every single day to protect and defend us.

At his memorial earlier this week, his loved ones painted a picture of Ty as a spectacular father, husband, son, and brother. He was a thoughtful friend and an empowering colleague.

Every speaker struck a similar chord. Ty was selfless, compassionate, and deeply invested in the well-being of others. That is a commitment to community that can be seen throughout his service.

A native Delawarean, he was a graduate of St. Mark's High School. He returned after college to serve in the Delaware State Police, where he was soon joined in that service by his brother, Josh. Ty was rising through the ranks and training the next generation of law enforcement.

The selflessness that defined his service was tragically on full display on December 23 when, in his final moments, Ty saved others, even as he lost his own life.

Let us never become numb to senseless acts of violence like the one which took Ty Snook's life. Crimes like this one leave an indelible mark of pain and loss felt by so many. These include his friends and family; his wife, Lauren; and their 1-year-old daughter, Letty.

Kassi Snook Dunphy, Tyler's sister, said it best on Monday. "Tyler did not just pass on as a hero. He lived every day as one."

Mr. Speaker, every day I am thankful to the men and women of law enforcement, like Tyler, who risk everything in defense of all of us. Today, I speak in this hallowed Chamber in honor of that hero so that the name and service of Matthew Tyler "Ty" Snook will be enshrined in the history and RECORD of the United States Congress forever.

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## RECOGNIZING MARY KRINKIE

(Mrs. FISCHBACH of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the distinguished career of Mary Krinkie.

For 25 years, Mary has served as the vice president of government relations at the Minnesota Hospital Association. She is widely regarded as one of the most persuasive voices for Minnesota's healthcare systems and patient care.

I have had the honor to work with her on various issues, both here in Congress and in the Minnesota State Senate. Her dedication to the healthcare community has left a permanent mark on Minnesota.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mary for her decades of service, and I wish her a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

## RECOGNIZING RICHARD "DICK" PESEK

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished member of the Minnesota agricultural community.

I congratulate Dick Pesek of Taunton, Minnesota, who has been named the Minnesota 2025 Cattleman of the Year. This honor is well-deserved recognition for his decades of hard work, dedication to the livestock industry, and deep commitment to his community.

We commend Mr. Pesek for upholding the best traditions of American agriculture.

## RECOGNIZING JILIAN SCHOENFELD AND BRAYDEN VANDYKE

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jilian Schoenfeld and Brayden VanDyke from Russell-Tyler-Ruthon High School for their first-place finishes at the FFA Winter Leadership Summit.

Jilian placed first in the employment skills competition, and Brayden placed first in the English creed speaking event. Their hard work and commitment are a credit to their school and community.

I congratulate Jilian and Brayden on their victories.

## IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AND SCHOOLS

(Ms. BONAMICI of Oregon was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound opposition to this administration's aggressive and cruel immigration enforcement actions, especially targeting students and parents near schools.

Throughout the last year, the Trump administration's hard-line immigration enforcement campaign has terrorized communities and created an environment where many students don't even feel safe going to school.

Children can't learn when they are living in constant fear.

At a townhall meeting last year, a fourth grade student, a 10-year-old, gave me a handwritten letter saying that she was afraid that ICE was going to come into her school and take her friends.

Children may not understand the complexities of the immigration system, but they know that masked people indiscriminately kidnapping people off the street is wrong and terrifying.

In July, a Beaverton, Oregon, father was dropping off his child at preschool. With his child in the car, ICE surrounded him, traumatizing the child, other parents, and preschool teachers. ICE then arrested the father within sight of the school.

In October, two Oregon high school students were at a drive-through coffee shop near their school. They were surrounded by multiple ICE agents who were pointing guns at them. That is terrifying, outrageous, and obviously dangerous.

At a recent city council meeting, an Oregon high school student bravely shared his concerns and the concerns of his peers, especially those who cannot speak up for themselves because they are too afraid. This compassionate student has been raising money to help people in his community whose lives are being torn apart by this administration's immigration enforcement tactics.

Mr. Speaker, hundreds of students across northwest Oregon have bravely protested the ongoing immigration enforcement that is happening in their communities, and I am grateful for their acts of peaceful protest that are calling attention to these injustices.

The reality is that too many students are afraid to leave their homes, even to go to school. At a time when chronic absenteeism is at a record high, more students are switching to attending school online if they can because they don't feel safe, or they stop going altogether.

A small school district in northwest Oregon told me that more than 150 students have withdrawn this year, an increase of 120 since this time last year. It is likely that most of them left school because they are afraid of ICE. Statewide, it is estimated that more than 10,000 students are now unaccounted for.

Recently, the Department of Homeland Security claimed that the media is force-feeding the public stories about parents and children being afraid to return to school. This is categorically untrue. Despite what the Department of Homeland Security wants people to believe, ICE is creating significant levels of fear, including around schools.

Mr. Speaker, this is not about targeting criminals. It is about targeting, arresting, and detaining people because of their national origin or the color of their skin. This ought to send chills down the spines of everyone in this body and this country.

As someone who has dedicated years of my career to education and striving

to create a better future for children, I am appalled but, sadly, not surprised that this administration continues to terrorize children, using the same playbook as when they separated families at the border.

Let me be clear: According to the United States Supreme Court, all children, regardless of their immigration status, have the right to attend public schools. The ICE tactics that we are seeing of targeting students and families will have lasting effects on children and families, and they will cause generational trauma.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to show some empathy and kindness. Work with us to protect sensitive locations. Work with us on humane immigration reform. We cannot allow these abuses of power and these lawless actions to continue.

Let's put an end to this ugly chapter in our country's history and do better for our Nation and our children.

## TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate \$181 million in rural healthcare funding for the State of Washington.

Not long ago, right here in this Chamber, I joined my House Republican colleagues to pass the Working Families Tax Cut Act, the largest tax cut in American history.

When we voted for this, we also voted for a new rural healthcare fund, and \$181 million of this rural healthcare fund will go to transforming Washington State. This is just the first round of funding, part of a 5-year, \$50 billion commitment to rural health transformation.

This is \$181 million to keep our rural hospitals' doors open, upgrade critical infrastructure, expand access to emergency care, protect maternal health, and strengthen Tribal health services.

Rural Washington is one of the best places in America to live, work, and raise a family, and this investment means more doctors, nurses, stable hospitals, and peace of mind for the people who grow our food, power our grid, and keep our communities strong.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support this historic tax relief and this transformational funding.

## BABY JAY SETS WASHINGTON STATE'S PECKING ORDER

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a special tradition of the congressional delegation of Washington State.

Just 1 year ago, I was sworn in to the 119th Congress and welcomed as one of the two new members of the Washington congressional delegation. If you are wondering why I have an oil painting of a baby chick next to me right now, I will tell you that it is about one of the most charming traditions of our Washington delegation.