

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, it is Black History Month, and I came to give you hell all month.

This weekend, ICE agents tear-gassed kids. Let me repeat that. ICE agents tear-gassed kids. Protestors from union families in Portland, Oregon, came together to exercise their First Amendment rights. Among the protestors were children, the elderly, even pets, and ICE saw that as enough of a threat to fire rubber bullets, pepper balls, and clouds of tear gas.

I have said it before, and I will say it again: What we are seeing is not law enforcement. It is State-sponsored terror, and this has to stop now.

Mr. Speaker, I am calling on this administration to get out of our city, follow the law, and hold those responsible for this accountable. Enough is enough.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA SUCCESS WITH GOVERNOR McMASTER

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week, Governor Henry McMaster gave the South Carolina State of the State Address.

I am grateful that under his leadership, the Palmetto State has had another historic year of over \$900 billion of investments, creating 8,000 jobs, 100,000 jobs during his record 10 years of service.

Governor McMaster is correct: “. . . State government is in superior fiscal shape, our laws and policies are business friendly . . . The best is yet to come.”

South Carolina succeeds with Governor McMaster, Republican super majorities in the senate, led by President Tom Alexander, the house by Speaker Murrell Smith, the Republican Congress, and President Trump, all to make America great again.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war Putin criminals lies, insulting Trump, mocking Trump, with Putin destroying Ukrainian utilities to freeze Ukrainians to death just as Stalin starved Ukrainians to death, while a maternity ward is being targeted by war criminal Putin yesterday to kill babies.

Our sympathy for the family of Karen Metz, wife of my chief of staff from South Carolina, Craig Metz; mother of Preston Metz.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SECRETARY NOEM

(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. Mr. Speaker, Americans expect us to address the alarming behavior of the ICE and CBP agents who have operated be-

yond acceptable boundaries of law enforcement.

While we must stand with our law enforcement community and enforce our immigration laws, it is crucial that Federal agencies operate within the framework of public trust.

We must uphold the rights of Americans to exercise their First and Second Amendment freedoms, and we also expect our Federal immigration officers to adhere to reasonable standards of conduct without interference.

During Secretary Noem's tenure, trust has eroded. Secretary Noem, who has so far refused to take responsibility, must be held accountable.

Therefore, on the floor of the people's House, I call for the resignation of Secretary Kristi Noem, the public face of Homeland Security.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF REPRESENTATIVE BILL HEMBREE

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Bill Hembree, a dedicated educator, businessman, and former member of the Georgia House of Representatives from Douglas County.

Mr. Hembree passed away on January 15 of 2026, at the age of 59, after a courageous 8-year battle with cancer.

Today, we recognize his two decades of exemplary public service in the Georgia House from 1992 to 2012, where he represented District 98 and later 67, including the cities of Douglasville and Villa Rica. Mr. Hembree served his constituents with integrity and with vision.

Additionally, we recognize his tireless advancement of Georgia's higher education system, both as an educator and as a representative. This educational legacy shines through with the Bill Hembree Scholarship, established to honor lifelong compassion, leadership, and dedication to empowering student leaders.

Above all, Bill was a dedicated husband and father, being survived by his wife, Beth, and their three sons.

#### CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT JOHN SWANDRAK

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

Mrs. McIVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Lieutenant John Swandrak on 30 years of service to the Cranford Police Department and wish Lieutenant Swandrak the best on his retirement.

His decades of service in patrol, community policing, and the detective bureau allowed him to build invaluable relationships and strengthen the bond between the police department and the Cranford community.

That was demonstrated in profound ways, particularly during his son Nicholas' battle with leukemia. Cranford Police Department, Cranford Fire Department, and countless neighbors rallied around the Swandrak family reflecting the same support and compassion he consistently showed others.

Lieutenant Swandrak is foundational to the fabric of Cranford, and he is leaving a legacy of service, fairness, and true community partnership for all of New Jersey to follow.

On behalf of the New Jersey 10th District, I congratulate Lieutenant Swandrak on a job well done.

#### ALBERTA, CANADA

(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, it is reported that members of the Trump administration have held meetings with representatives of a group from the Province of Alberta that want to break away from Canada and form their own nation.

Why any American government would give aid and comfort to a group that would divide and destabilize an ally and peaceful neighbor like Canada is beyond reality.

Yet, those who speculate we should invade and take Greenland by force are operating with Vladimir Putin's ambition to create some illegal and unholy American empire fueled by ideology to force Canada as well into submission to America.

Making common cause in any way with those who would destroy the Canadian nation reminds me of Germany's efforts to encourage Mexico to attack the United States during World War I.

Do we really think in our competition with China and Russia that alienating Canada and Europe is smart geopolitics? No. It is stupidity, letting arrogance blind us from rational policies. Stop before we do permanent damage too great to fix.

#### ICE COMING TO SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

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

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, in Springfield, Ohio, families are preparing for the worst kind of ICE storm, a storm fueled by hate and racism, years in the making.

In 2024, Donald Trump and J.D. VANCE, peddled hateful lies about Haitians in Springfield. VANCE even admitted they weren't true. He said: "If I have to create stories . . . that is what I am going to do."

Well, those stories dehumanized Haitians who were here legally working and rebuilding a city. Now the Trump administration is turning those lies into policy.

Tomorrow, they plan to revoke TPS, despite Haiti's collapse. Legal status today, illegal status tomorrow. This is the Project 2025 playbook for a morally corrupt mass deportation machine.

For those of us with Black skin, the demonization of Haitian people is something that we see, we hear, and we feel deeply.

This country must do better, and this President must extend TPS status and call off the ICE surge now.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President and Vice President.

#### ICE

(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, tonight, as I stand here, people across this country are being terrorized by ICE with our tax dollars. Americans do not support this, and I will be their voice tonight on the floor.

They don't want to live in a country in which you can be randomly stopped by a masked man and have him demand from you your papers. They don't want to live in a country where your First, your Second, and your Fourth Amendment rights are being violated. They don't want Americans gunned down because they are standing up for their immigrant neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, we warned Republicans. We told them. We said: If you give a \$170 billion blank check to Kristi Noem, you will create a paramilitary force, a lawless force that will brutalize Americans. We warned them, and I am sorry to say that we were right. Our predictions were right, and our worst fears have been realized.

Americans are being traumatized. Immigrants are being brutalized. We have to impeach Kristi Noem. We must dump Stephen Miller, and we have to end this ICE terror and lawlessness.

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#### RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Black History Month and its 2016 theme, "A Century of Black History Commemorations." I would like to honor retired Army Sergeant 1st Class Oscar Primm, Jr., a 104-year-old veteran from northwest Indiana whose service is an inspiration to us all.

In 1941, Oscar enlisted in the United States Army. Over the course of his heroic military career, he served in World War I, the Korean war, and the Vietnam war.

Today, Oscar is a proud member of the Greater Gary AMVETS Squadron

Post 6 where he can frequently be found supporting veterans throughout northwest Indiana as they return home from service.

It is because of the sacrifices of veterans just like Oscar that we are able to live in a free, democratic country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Black History Month and a century of national Black history commemorations by recognizing the selfless service, bravery, and patriotism of retired Army Sergeant 1st Class Oscar Primm, Jr.

#### CHILDREN ARE NOT POLITICAL PAWNS

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, what country is this?

Children are not political pawns or political props. Tonight, 5-year-old Liam Conejo Ramos and his father are back in their home in Minnesota after being abducted and taken to detention in Texas, but this never should have happened.

A 5-year-old taken from his home and detained in violation of his basic human and constitutional rights is part of an ill-conceived and incompetently implemented policy of daily deportation quotas that is not just incompetent but inhumane.

This year, 3,800 children have been abducted across the country and detained. It is shameful and an embarrassment to our country. That is why we must act. It is why I will vote "no" and not give a single other penny to DHS. It is why we must impeach Kristi Noem. It is time to act. We will not be complicit.

#### WE WILL NOT BACK DOWN

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

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. This weekend, President Trump put out a social media post conflating the actions of a small group of people who broke a window, broke a couple of windows, at the Federal building, with the thousands of peaceful protesters that were exercising their constitutional right to fight against fascism, their constitutionally protected right to assemble, to free speech, and stated that he would send in his Federal goons to Eugene.

Let me tell you: Eugene, Oregon, has a long tradition of speaking out, speaking out and showing up for peace. We will continue to do so.

I would ask President Trump, Kristi Noem, and the DOJ to follow their own rules and not use the excuses of a couple of people who did wrong to tear gas and attack peaceful protesters, not in Eugene. We will not back down.

Thank you, President Trump. We don't need Federal help. We have got

it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

#### A PLEA FOR SMALL, FAMILY-OWNED FARMS

(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 with an urgent plea for small, family-owned farms, especially across the American heartland and communities I represent. Seven of the eight counties I represent in northwest Ohio are predominantly rural and home to hard-working farmers who produce the nutritious food that feeds and fuels our Nation. They deserve our unwavering support because what America makes and grows makes and grows America.

Yet their work has never been harder. Over the past year, they have endured setback after setback—including during the driest spells we have witnessed in more than a decade—due to tariffs, losing markets all across the world, and we think permanently. The severity of this physical, as well as tariff, drought runs straight through our district.

Our farmers need certainty. We need to pass a farm bill. We don't need recklessly imposed tariffs that break their backs due to lost export markets and then paying Argentina \$40 billion for their beef when our cattlemen are going out of business.

Something's wrong here. Farmers are hurting. They need leadership that invests in their success, Mr. Speaker. Don't cut their rural water infrastructure or weaken the science that our farmers depend upon.

#### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Ms. McCLELLAN of Virginia was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HURD of Colorado). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today on the first weekday of Black History Month to anchor the Congressional Black Caucus' commemoration of Black History Month.

Mr. Speaker, 2026 marks a century of public commemorations of Black history, which began in 1926, founded by historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.