

Five years ago, the Akron Rites of Passage Institute introduced a community initiative called the Legacy Building Project to support the ongoing growth, development, and long-term sustainability of the African American community.

Terrence Shelton, a co-chair of the project, also served as the copresident of the Akron's Rites of Passage Institute. Earlier this month he laid out plans for a new African-American cultural center and museum complex on behalf of the program. The building will house a museum, a business incubator, and center to teach people about trading and investing as a means to building economic wealth in the community. He envisions museum exhibits highlighting Akron sports legends, scientists, and artists like LeBron James, Gus Johnson, Rita Dove, and Woodrow Nash.

He said this project is not just a project for Black people. This is a project for the city of Akron. It is everyday citizens doing remarkable things like this who help make our community the birthplace of champions. Community members from the Akron Rites of Passage Institute are certainly champions in their own right and have made Akron and Ohio's 13th Congressional District proud.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is no longer recognized.

#### RECOGNIZING LOU TAUBERT RANCH OUTFITTERS

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters of Casper, Wyoming, for being named one of the 50 best clothing stores in America by The New York Times.

Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters first opened its doors in 1919 after being founded by C. W. Taubert, an immigrant from Germany who grew enamored with the cowboy spirit and the allure of the West.

From its beginnings as a hardware store catering to the local agricultural community, Lou Taubert has grown to be a cornerstone of the Casper community. Now, over 100 years later, it does not matter whether you are a rancher, a cowboy, or a tourist passing through, you are treated to the authentic spirit of the West at Lou Taubert's.

Please join me in recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of Casper, Wyoming's Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters.

#### RECOGNIZING MARY ANN NIHART

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

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Ann Nihart,

whose life of commitment to healing and community uplifted countless neighbors across Pacifica, California, and beyond.

Mary Ann's career in nursing and mental health spanned four decades. She began her service with the County of San Mateo and later joined the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center where she rose to become clinical director and chief nurse of Mental Health Services.

Her excellence earned her Nurse of the Year and distinguished service awards from the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, among many other honors. While caring for thousands of veterans, she also inspired and guided younger professionals pursuing careers in the practice of psychiatric nursing.

Mary Ann's dedication to the community didn't stop with her day job. She also served on the Pacifica City Council and for two terms as Pacifica's mayor. She was a hands-on, visionary leader who championed public engagement and collaborative governance.

In her final battle with cancer, as with every other facet of her life, Mary Ann Nihart embodied courage, kindness, and an unwavering dedication to others.

Though we mourned her loss last Saturday, we will be celebrating her inspiring legacy for many years to come.

#### HONORING OFFICER CHARLES RUTH

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Department of Natural Resources Officer Charles Ruth for 31 years of exceptional service to the State of South Carolina.

For more than three decades, Charles devoted his career to protecting our natural resources and preserving the outdoor traditions that make our State unique. During his time with South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, he served as the State's big game coordinator. He helped oversee the management of deer, wild turkey, and black bear populations across our State.

Over the years, Charles helped shape over 100 laws, engaged directly with the public of South Carolina, and ensured our wildlife policies were based on sound science and respect for landowners and sportsmen.

Thanks to his commitment, South Carolina's approach to wildlife management remains one of the strongest and most respected in the country. His work will continue to benefit our State for generations.

#### ANOTHER TROVE OF EPSTEIN FILES

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, after months of delays and distractions, Trump's DOJ finally released another trove of documents from the Epstein files.

The DOJ claims it is in full compliance with the Epstein Files Transparency Act, but that is simply not true. It is just the latest in a long line of lies and excuses from this administration.

To date, the DOJ has only released half of the files, in direct violation of Federal law.

The survivors of Jeffrey Epstein's abuse have already endured unimaginable pain. They deserve truth and accountability.

However, in this latest release, some of the survivors' names and images were exposed while the men who abused them remained redacted.

What is DOJ hiding? Who are they protecting?

Here is the bottom line: Anything short of full compliance amounts to a coverup.

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#### RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE WINNERS FOR INDIANA'S THIRD DISTRICT

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Congressional App Challenge winners for Indiana's Third District: Ishan Ramrakhiani and Rikhin Kavuru.

Together, these two students identified a gap in AI services and decided to provide a solution. Using their technical knowledge, they programmed an innovative app that offers AI assistance for professional video editing called Auter.

This app allows users to employ editing tools specific to their needs using plain language and AI. This app showcases both students' outstanding knowledge and experience in computer coding.

Creating an app from scratch truly speaks to their initiative and desire to make an impact. Throughout the process, both students maintained determination despite technical hurdles.

Their creativity and determination for success are truly inspiring. I know both Ishan and Rikhin have bright futures ahead. I wish them continued success as they pursue their academic and professional goals.

#### HONORING WILEY PRICE

(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, as we celebrate Black History Month, it feels right to honor someone who has spent a lifetime making sure Black history in St. Louis was seen, recorded, and remembered.

After more than 40 years, Wiley Price is retiring. For decades, Wiley documented St. Louis through the lens of *The St. Louis American*. That matters because Black St. Louis has not always been seen clearly or treated as central to this city's story. Wiley made sure it was.

Wiley was there for the joy and the grief, from church basements and street corners, and for Presidents, moments of celebration, and moments of strife. While others passed through, Wiley stayed, year after year, building trust, bearing witness, and creating a record that cannot be erased.

If someone wants to understand Black St. Louis over the last 40 years, they won't start with official reports or headlines written elsewhere. They will start with Wiley Price's photographs, which tell a story that could never be written.

As he retires, he leaves behind more than images. He leaves behind a history of this city, told honestly and with care. His work will never fade, and St. Louis is a better place because of him.

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#### RECOGNIZING AND THANKING JUDGE JAMES WORDEN UPON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank County Court Judge James Worden upon his retirement. A lifelong Nebraskan, his judgeship has been evidence of his dedication to public service.

Throughout his two-decade tenure, Judge Worden has served Nebraskans with integrity and a profound commitment to upholding the rule of law.

Whether it was expanding others' understanding of the judicial system, celebrating families' new beginnings through National Adoption Day events, or demonstrating compassion in the Scotts Bluff juvenile drug court, he exemplified a judicial career built on the conviction that justice should be firm, fair, and just.

Judge Worden will be remembered for his strong faith and devotion to his family and as a trusted member of his community. He is someone who quietly led by example and generously gave his time to strengthening the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Judge Worden for his faithful service to the State of Nebraska. I wish him, Joni, and his entire family all the best in the years ahead and congratulate him on a career defined by respect, service, and lasting impact.

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#### NIOSH WORKERS GOT THEIR JOBS BACK

(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 on behalf of all the NIOSH workers around the country, including the 400 in my district. For 50 years, NIOSH has been helping workers all over the country, making sure that workers are safe and healthy.

During all the DOGE cuts, 1,500 NIOSH workers lost their jobs. We got to work. We worked with labor and others, and 100 Members of Congress, and we started getting those jobs reinstated.

We asked Secretary Kennedy to work with us to make sure that every single one of these workers got their jobs back. Just a few weeks ago, we found out that every one of them did get their jobs back.

I thank the NIOSH folks for their ongoing support, for everyone in labor for working with us, and for the work of this Congress to stand up for workers, especially my colleagues over here.

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#### HONORING AND RECOGNIZING FBI SUPERVISORY AGENT DELL SPRY

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

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the career of one of our Nation's greatest spy catchers.

My constituent, Marvin "Dell" Spry, spent nearly 20 years in the FBI running counterintelligence operations to keep our country safe. Mr. Spry ran the FBI investigations that caught Aldrich Ames, a high-ranking CIA official who betrayed his country for money and spent nearly one decade spying for the Soviet Union.

In 1994, the FBI caught Ames, and Mr. Spry put him in handcuffs. After pleading guilty to espionage charges, Ames received a life sentence and died in Federal prison last month.

Mr. Spry received many decorations for his outstanding leadership of the investigation and retired from the Bureau in 2006. Since then, he has continued to share his wisdom and expertise with FBI trainees and young people interested in law enforcement.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank Mr. Spry for his patriotism and honorable service to our Nation.

Job well done. Semper Fidelis.

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#### DHS EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE

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

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise as Federal agents once again descend upon Portland, not to protect, but to terrorize.

Over the weekend, during a peaceful labor-led protest, DHS agents deployed tear gas on civilians, including children in the crowd. DHS, let me say that again, tear-gassed children. The clouds were so dense, they sickened

families and left a stench that lingered for miles.

This wasn't crowd control. It is state-sponsored violence.

The courts agree. Yesterday, a Federal judge ordered a temporary restraining order against Federal agents tear-gassing peaceful protesters.

This isn't the first time Federal agents have used excessive force. In Portland just last October, after protesters were already restrained, Federal agents pepper-sprayed them point-blank. This is not law enforcement. This is Donald Trump's goon squad deployed to punish dissent and sow chaos in our communities.

Let me be clear. Portland will not be bullied into compliance nor into betraying our values.

Mr. Speaker, I echo Mayor Keith Wilson's call: If you are still working for ICE, resign. It is no honor to participate in this kind of hostility.

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#### HONORING DR. JUDY SELK FLORES

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Judy Selk Flores, recipient of the Guam Council of the Arts and Humanities Agency's Lifetime Cultural Contribution Award, an artist whose lifework has shaped Guam's cultural landscape and preserved the soul of our island.

Dr. Flores came to Guam as a child in 1957 and made this island her home. She learned the CHamoru language, immersed herself in our traditions, and devoted her life to preserving Guam's rich cultural identity. At a time when much of our heritage risked being lost, she chose to safeguard it through living, breathing art.

Through batik and visual storytelling, she captured island life, family, and tradition, turning memory into something tangible that our people can carry forward. She did more than create art. She built community. As a founding member of the Guam Visual Arts Guild and the founder of Guahan Art, she opened doors for young artists, teaching them to have confidence, purpose, and pride in their work.

Today, we honor not only an artist but a steward of heritage. Dr. Flores reminds us that culture endures because people choose to protect it, just as she has and continues to do every day.

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#### DISABILITY DETERMINATION RENEWALS

(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, families with disabled adult children