

In the spring of 2024, they believed that the tumor showed improvement. Unfortunately, she recently learned that she would have to start chemotherapy all over again. Despite this, her perseverance and her bright smile continue to light up the entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in praying for Zaria during her battle with this tumor.

#### DELIVERING ON COMMITMENTS TO OREGON'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(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, in my first year in Congress, I made a simple commitment to my district: to listen and to get things done.

This week, I am proud to share that I am delivering on that commitment. I secured over \$6 million in Community Project Funding for seven transformative community-led initiatives across the district in Portland, Gresham, Sandy, and Multnomah County.

These investments will help prevent youth violence, modernize emergency response systems, strengthen wastewater infrastructure, expand behavioral healthcare, and protect the clean water our communities depend on.

Each project came directly from local leaders working to solve urgent issues on the ground, and I fought to make sure every single one received funding.

This is what government should be: responsive, collaborative, and focused on our people delivering results for them and our families.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of this progress, and I am just getting started for the people of Oregon's Third.

#### FRAUD IN MINNESOTA

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

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I met with a lot of angry constituents over the last 2 weeks. They are angry about how expensive America has become. They are angry, in large part, because they realize one simple truth: The Somali pirates are not in the Horn of Africa anymore. They are right here in our country, and their captain is Tim Walz.

While my constituents suffer today, 81 percent of Somali families are on welfare. Nine billion dollars was stolen from child nutrition, housing, and autism services in Minnesota, largely through Feeding Our Future, a program that theoretically opened more than 250 sites and was supposed to be feeding 91 million meals. It was not doing that.

There was a Medicaid program, the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention program, where

the Federal Government was paying 64 percent and fake autism treatment firms were created.

Our constituents are suffering. Before we ask them to continue to suffer, we owe it to them to root out everyone who was involved in this fraud and hold everyone accountable, and that is exactly what I intend to do.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF BILL HARRIS

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of one of our Nation's most effective and determined advocates for children and families: the singular Bill Harris, who dedicated his life to this cause.

From founding KidsPac, a political action group dedicated to promoting public investments for children, to enacting the legislation that created The National Child Traumatic Stress Network in 2000, funded at \$10 million that has now grown to being a nearly \$100 million initiative, Bill was a passionate leader, a persuasive advocate, and he did not suffer fools.

He was never satisfied with symbolic action or minor gestures. He pushed for systemic change and substantive legislation. Together, we were able to expand the child tax credit in 2003 to cover more low-income families.

The Wall Street Journal called these families "the lucky duckies," and in that spirit, Bill gifted me a set of rubber duckies that remain in my office today.

Our proudest achievement—and I say ours because it was a team effort—was the expanded monthly child tax credit that was signed into law in 2021 as part of the American Rescue Plan.

In 2021, child poverty was nearly cut in half, hunger by a quarter, and it provided economic security to middle-class and working families.

While many may never have heard of Bill Harris, it was his tenacity and his doing, and we will secure its future in his name. We have much to do. We will do it with his spirit.

#### RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, a simple principle should guide us: where we live should not determine the quality of healthcare that we can get, but for too many Hoosiers, especially in our rural communities, this isn't the reality.

That is why the Working Families Tax Cut Act matters. Through the new Rural Health Transformation Program, Indiana is receiving \$207 million in first-year funding, the first of 5 years of support, to strengthen rural healthcare statewide.

This funding will support hospitals and strengthen emergency care for Hoosiers who can get that care close to home. For communities from Connersville to Richmond and across Rush, Shelby, and Henry Counties, this means quality care closer, shorter drives for appointments, faster response times when minutes count, especially for our seniors, veterans, and working families.

This is the right kind of investment, helping our rural communities stay healthy without raising taxes, without growing bureaucracy, and without leaving Hoosiers behind.

#### CHAMPION OF THE WEEK: CONRAD PIERO

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Conrad Piero as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

On December 18, Conrad, a loss prevention specialist at a Walmart in Canton, Ohio, was working in the store when a man being held for allegedly shoplifting pulled a gun on a Canton police officer who was present and attempting to question and detain the suspect.

The man pointed the gun at the officer and pulled the trigger, but thankfully, the weapon malfunctioned and did not discharge. In a remarkable act of bravery, Conrad immediately stepped in to pull the gun away from the suspect as he tried to point and shoot at the officer for a second time.

Both the Canton Police Department and Walmart said that Conrad went above and beyond in his service to our community, and I could not agree more.

What could have been a terrible and tragic situation went without anyone being harmed through his remarkable act of courage. It is average citizens doing remarkable things just like this that help make our community the birthplace of champions. Conrad is certainly a champion in his own right, and he has made Canton and Ohio's 13th Congressional District proud.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere gratitude to Conrad Piero for his heroic actions and congratulate him on being named champion of the week.

#### CALIFORNIA IS THE MOST POPULAR STATE TO LEAVE

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, the Governor of my State, Gavin Newsom, gave his state of the State address in which he declared that California leads the Nation. Now, the Governor isn't wrong. As the residents of our State know all too well, California does lead the Nation.

California leads the Nation in fraud. California leads the Nation in unemployment. California leads the Nation in homelessness. California leads the Nation in poverty. California leads the Nation in illiteracy. California leads the Nation in gas prices. California leads the Nation in electricity prices. California leads the Nation in housing prices. California leads the Nation in debt and deficits. Just this week, we learned that for the sixth straight year, California leads the Nation in outbound U-Haul rentals. The greatest State in the country has become the most popular State to leave.

That, Mr. Speaker, is the true state of our State during this Governor's tenure.

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#### HONORING GOVERNOR JIM HUNT

(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, I rise today to honor former Governor Jim Hunt, a giant in North Carolina history who sadly passed last month. Governor Hunt leaves behind an extraordinary legacy as a fighter for education, economic development, equality, innovation, and so much more. He was the engine for positive progress in our State.

Hunt was known nationally as the Education Governor. He worked relentlessly to ensure that every North Carolinian had access to high-quality and public education and every teacher earned a decent salary.

Governor Hunt was a visionary who pushed the economy in North Carolina into the modern era, propelling us from economic stagnation to global leadership in technology and innovation.

Personally, he was a mentor to me. I will carry his legacy with me forever. North Carolina is a better place because of Jim Hunt.

#### HONORING PAM MOLL

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

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a valued member of my team, Pam Moll, who retired last week after an extraordinary career serving North Dakotans. Pam served as my constituent services director. During my predecessor, Kelly Armstrong's tenure, she had the same role.

For 7 years, she has been a steady and trusted presence for veterans seeking answers, seniors seeking help, and families simply trying to be heard. Pam is the kind of public servant most Americans never see but whose work touches countless lives.

She understood that behind every case file and every form is a real person, and she never lost sight of that. Her legacy is not just measured in

years of service but in the countless lives she helped improve.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of North Dakota, I thank Pam and wish her the very best in this next chapter.

#### REMOVING PFAS FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, PFAS are everywhere, and they are endangering Michiganders' lives. PFAS, as we know, are toxic forever chemicals that persist in the environment, contaminate the water we drink, and accumulate in the body. Sadly, Michigan is ground zero for PFAS pollution.

I am proud to have worked across the aisle to deliver results for Metro Detroit and Michigan in this regard, but we must do more. That is why today I am introducing the PROTECT Act. It is bipartisan legislation that takes urgently needed steps to remove PFAS from our environment and prevent future contamination in the air we breathe.

By listing PFAS as hazardous air pollutants, this bill sets the foundation for strong, science-based standards that will reduce emissions. The PROTECT Act also holds major polluters responsible for the cleanup of these poisons, delivering real transparency and accountability to affected communities.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my bipartisan cosponsors from Michigan and across the country for joining me in this important effort. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### FIXING THE IMMIGRATION CRISIS

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I attended a hearing today in the Judiciary Committee. There was some confusion in the committee about what we should be doing to enforce our immigration laws and who is at fault for the mess we have in Minneapolis.

There are some people who are apparently under the impression we should only enforce our immigration laws if the people who came here illegally commit another crime. If we think about it for 2 seconds, that is completely ridiculous.

Right now, every year in this country, about 850,000 new citizens are naturalized citizens. When I was a child, that was under 200,000. That is without taking into account people who become citizens because of birthright citizenship, which is not even intended under our Constitution.

We must not fall for the idea that all a person has to do is sneak across the border and hang around here and not commit a felony and, therefore, they come in here.

I feel so sorry for our great President Trump. He was left with such a mess when Joe Biden left in 10 million people, and he is now honor bound to remove them from this country. That is why we have a mess in Minneapolis.

#### CELEBRATING SOUTH OAK CLIFF HIGH SCHOOL AND DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL

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

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with immense pride to celebrate two exceptional football teams from Texas' very own 30th Congressional District for their championship wins this season. They are South Oak Cliff High School and DeSoto High School.

This win comes as no surprise to those of us who call the district home. These young men showed up, put in the work, and, once again, proved that if we are looking for champions, all eyes should be on Texas-30.

I am proud of each of these students' commitment, as well as every faculty member and parent who supported them along the way. Their dedication, commitment, and passion made these wins possible.

I anticipate celebrating the many successes yet to come. Celebrate big, keep striving for greatness, and continue standing out.

Go Bears and go Eagles.

Mr. Speaker, I will not yield back. I will say something real quick about this ICE situation.

The reason we have a mess as it relates to ICE has nothing to do with President Biden. We need to accept responsibility for what is going on, and it is the mess of this administration.

#### HOLDING ICE ACCOUNTABLE

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

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday ICE murdered an American citizen. Renee Good was a wife and a mother who has now become ICE's latest victim. To those at DHS and in this Chamber who have created and rewarded a culture of murder, I ask the same question that God asked Cain:

What have you done? You have slain your sister who gave you no offense. The voice of her innocent blood cries out from the ground where it was spilled, where you try to cover and hide. But we saw what was done.

What kind of monster shoots an unarmed, fleeing woman in the head? What kind of monster watches the video of that crime and chooses to lie to the American people as they defend the murderer and defame the victim? How do we prevent ourselves from descending to their monstrous depths?

Mr. Speaker, I will tell my colleagues how. We prosecute the murderer with