

the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program and our current CBYX intern, Max Groene.

For more than 40 years, thousands of young Germans and Americans have had the opportunity to live, learn, and work in the program's respective countries.

As co-chair of the German-American Caucus, I am proud to support the CBYX program and will continue working to strengthen the relationship between our two great nations.

The CBYX program is a great opportunity for participants to gain a new perspective on global affairs and politics and immerse themselves in new cultures.

Max, a native of Berlin, Germany, began interning on Capitol Hill earlier this year. Before moving to Washington, D.C., he spent a semester at Snow College in Utah.

Max has spent this month helping our office with everyday operations. Following his time in D.C., he will complete an internship in Oregon with an energy company.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Max for joining our office this month. He has represented Germany well, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

WAVERLY DAVIS AND RION WALKER WIN BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY COMPETITION

(Ms. STRICKLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the student winners of my first annual Black History Month Essay Competition: Waverly Davis from Reeves Middle School in Olympia, Washington, and Rion Walker from Curtis Senior High School in University Place.

I created this program to help students share the stories of Black leaders who have influenced Washington State, especially in the times we are in today.

Waverly highlighted Dorothy Hollingsworth, the first Black woman elected to the Seattle School Board in 1975, who went on to serve on the Washington State Board of Education. Hollingsworth's commitment to civil rights and equality laid the foundation for all Washington students.

From Waverly's essay: "Her story has made me feel hope that things aren't always as set in stone as they seem."

Rion wrote about Quincy Jones, producer, composer, and musician, who started his journey in Seattle and broke racial barriers across the music and film industries.

From Rion's essay: "Talent exists everywhere, but opportunity does not, and addressing this gap is a civic responsibility."

I thank our judges and all the students who participated. These essays remind us that Black history is Washington State history and American history.

Happy Black History Month.

STEPHENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AWARDED NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION HATCHELL CUP

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephenville High School, which I am honored to represent in the United States Congress.

On February 9, the National Football Foundation named Stephenville High School the national winner of the Hatchell Cup award. This is the highest academic team honor in high school football, and the Yellow Jackets were awarded this distinction with an outstanding 4.0 team GPA.

Our community is proud to see Stephenville High School complete the football season undefeated and bring home another State title. The young men and coaches on this team have spent countless hours preparing both on and off the field. The Hatchell Cup recognition is a testament to their hard work and success.

I congratulate the players, Head Coach Sterling Doty, and the Stephenville community. Go Yellow Jackets.

In God we trust.

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CREATE TARIFF POLICY THAT SUPPORTS U.S. ECONOMY

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution grants Congress, and Congress alone, the "power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises."

As Chief Justice John Roberts correctly noted last week, the Framers were explicit: The executive has no given power to reach into the pockets of the people to impose taxes and tariffs.

The Supreme Court has now confirmed two truths that we have known: Tariffs are a tax on consumers, on you and me; and number two, the President's disastrous, on-again-off-again tariffs are not just illegal, they are also unconstitutional. I am thankful to the Court for so clearly recognizing and rooting their opinion in our Constitution.

Now we must turn our focus to those who unjustly suffered because of this President's economic chaos. The Treasury Department must immediately issue refunds for the \$134 billion stolen from American families and businesses.

I call upon all of my colleagues in Congress, Republicans and Democrats, let's work together to create tariff policy that supports U.S. economic objectives, laws that give businesses the se-

curity and time needed for investments, and that bring costs down for consumers.

CONGRATULATING DR. ROOSEVELT NIVENS

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

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate and honor Dr. Roosevelt Nivens, Superintendent of Schools for Lamar Consolidated Independent School District for recently being named the 2025 National Superintendent of the Year by The School Superintendents Association.

Dr. Nivens leads the way with innovation, high standards, accountability, and joy for leading.

Lamar Consolidated Independent School District is one of the fastest-growing school districts in Texas, serving nearly 49,000 students across nearly 60 campuses.

Before being named the 2025 National Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Nivens was named the Texas Superintendent of the Year by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Under Dr. Nivens' leadership, Lamar Consolidated performs above the State average in academics, with all 57 campuses meeting accountability standards.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Nivens for investing in the education and future of our children and for his commitment to our community. He continues to make the 22nd Congressional District of Texas proud.

CONGRATULATING THE SANTA ANA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Santa Ana High School girls wrestling team. They finished as Empire League champs, Southern CIF champions, champions of the Division I dual, and Eastern Division individual tournament champs. They finished fourth place in the CIF Southern Section Masters.

Mr. Speaker, five of these wrestlers will be moving on to wrestle in the State's championship tournament.

I thank Head Coaches Tim Byers and Fernando Serratos. I also thank Assistant Coaches Liborio Salazar, Alex Becerra, Monica Serratos, Jose Leon, and Stephanie Zamora for teaching our young Saints leadership qualities, and what hard work and dedication can mean at the end of the day.

These young ladies are wrestling champs all while maintaining a GPA of 3.48.

Mr. Speaker, I offer congratulations to the Saints. Once a Saint, always a Saint.

CONGRATULATING ANDY COLLINS
ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Andy Collins, a lieutenant game warden retiring after 33 impressive years of service to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

Andy grew up in Knoxville and graduated from my alma mater, Bearden High School. He attended the University of Tennessee and earned a degree in fisheries and wildlife sciences. He began his career in Hawkins County before moving south to Loudon County. His responsibilities eventually expanded to include 11 counties in east Tennessee, covering all of Tennessee's Second District.

Throughout his 33-year career, Andy has exemplified the mission of preserving, protecting, and enhancing the State's fish and wildlife. Andy knows more about wildlife than anyone I know. As a matter of fact, he has forgotten more than I will ever know. When I run into a problem on my farm, he is the first person I call. Whether it is with deer or turkey or anything else, he is always quick to pick up my call.

Andy will spend his retirement days doing what he loves best: spending time outdoors with his beautiful wife, Mary Jo; his son, Wyatt; and his daughter, Emily.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Andy on his achievement. I thank him so much for his service to our great country and to the beautiful State of Tennessee. It is a much better place because of folks like him and the great folks at TWRA.

HOMEOWNER ENERGY FREEDOM
ACT

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1075, I call up the bill (H.R. 4758) to repeal provisions of Public Law 117-169 relating to taxpayer subsidies for home electrification, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas). Pursuant to House Resolution 1075, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4758

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Homeowner Energy Freedom Act".

SEC. 2. HOMEOWNER ENERGY FREEDOM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The following are repealed:

(1) Section 50122 of Public Law 117-169 (42 U.S.C. 18795a) (relating to a high-efficiency electric home rebate program).

(2) Section 50123 of Public Law 117-169 (42 U.S.C. 18795b) (relating to State-based home energy efficiency contractor training grants).

(3) Section 50131 of Public Law 117-169 (136 Stat. 2041) (relating to assistance for latest and zero building energy code adoption).

(b) RESCISSIONS.—The unobligated balances of any amounts made available under each of sections 50122 and 50131 of Public Law 117-169 (42 U.S.C. 18795a; 136 Stat. 2041) (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act) are rescinded.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 50121(c)(7) of Public Law 117-169 (42 U.S.C. 18795(c)(7)) is amended by striking " , including a rebate provided under a high-efficiency electric home rebate program (as defined in section 50122(d)) ,".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4758.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4758, the Homeowner Energy Freedom Act, sponsored by the gentleman from Texas' 12th Congressional District.

The Homeowner Energy Freedom Act repeals disastrous policies from the Inflation Reduction Act that were used to subsidize expensive mandates and implement backdoor fossil fuel bans.

Today, in the United States, the dream of home ownership is out of reach for far too many Americans. In fact, 75 percent of households today cannot afford a medium-priced home.

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Mr. Speaker, provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act to force States to implement green energy building codes only serve to make matters worse.

It is estimated that building codes associated with the HOMES rebate program raises the cost of a single-family home by \$31,000. These building codes effectively prevent the use of natural gas and require expensive equipment to accommodate EV chargers and other intermittent energy sources.

It is important to remember that upwards of 60 percent of homes utilize natural gas appliances and that the number rises to more than 75 percent in colder climate States. These aren't just talking points. They are real-world impacts.

Take Kansas City, for example. After adopting the latest IECC building codes, the city saw a 22 percent decrease in construction permits, while the surrounding communities saw a 117 percent increase.

The data is clear. The cost of a new home goes up when Democrats get their green mandates in place. If the Biden administration's so-called energy efficiency regulatory agenda was cost effective for the American people, why did they also have to have a billion dollar slush fund to pay for it?

Instead of a one-size-fits-all mandate from Washington, House Republicans are focused on limiting the authority of the Federal Government, making it easier to build affordable homes and taking advantage of abundant natural gas reserves beneath our Nation.

Importantly, H.R. 4758 builds on the important work of the Working Families Tax Cut law by officially putting an end to these egregious authorities so future abuses cannot occur.

By passing this legislation, House Republicans are continuing to address the affordability for hardworking American households and responsibly protecting finite taxpayer resources.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Republicans simply cannot help themselves. It is bad enough that they refuse to do anything to address the affordability crisis that American families are facing today. Republicans are doubling down on bills that will drive up energy costs for families when they are simply being stretched too thin.

Yesterday, we were here on the House floor debating a bill that guts appliance efficiency standards which save families money on their power bills. Today, we are back to debate the gutting of another popular program that lowers upfront appliance prices.

Mr. Speaker, this is the seventh bill about appliances that we have debated on the House floor this past year. When I am back home in New Jersey talking to my constituents, no one ever brings up showerhead flow or how much water their dishwasher uses.

These folks want to know how we can put a stop to Trump's disastrous tariffs which are a tax on the American people and which raise the price of absolutely everything we buy.

They want to know what Congress is doing to lower their skyrocketing healthcare premiums. They want to know why Congress is asleep at the wheel, while they struggle to make ends meet, watch their power bills go up every month, and have to start making impossible choices between paying for medicine or keeping their lights on.

Sorry, folks, apparently Republicans in Washington don't have time for any of that. They are focused on passing another appliance bill instead—talk about out of touch. This bill repeals and rescinds funding for three important Department of Energy programs.

First, it rescinds funding from the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate program. This is a \$4.5 billion