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From the floor of the House of Representatives, we salute the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING SPECIAL AGENT EDEN HOLGUIN

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I begin today with some sad news. On February 19, the House and Senate community lost a beloved and dedicated member of the United States Capitol Police Force.

Special Agent Eden Holguin tragically passed away at only 41 years of age. He was a proud veteran and a former Texas State Trooper. For 3 years, he served admirably here as a Capitol Police officer and as a special agent. He was highly respected.

Law enforcement is a noble calling, as we all know. It is one that is too often thankless and always demanding. These men and women stand guard on the lines of justice and freedom. They protect all of us who work here, as well as the countless individuals and visitors who come to the United States Capitol every day from across our Nation and across the world.

In the face of adversity and danger, every day demands courage, diligence, and professionalism. He brought that every day.

We don't take the duty lightly. It is because of Agent Holguin, and so many brave Americans like him, that Congress can carry out its constitutional duties here, that we represent the voices of our constituents, and that we can effectuate the will of the American people safely and freely.

Today, family, friends, and loved ones of Agent Holguin will gather to memorialize this hero in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I wanted to come here on the House floor and acknowledge him, as well. We thank them for standing by his side as Agent Holguin followed the demanding but noble path of law enforcement. We want to let them know that our prayers are with them as they honor this brave patriot and celebrate his life, all too short though it was, of selfless sacrifice.

□ 1210

NO NEW WARS

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, in 1848, a freshman Congressman from Illinois wrote that the Constitution gives war-making powers to Congress, and the ability of one man to initiate a war places our President where kings have always stood. That was Abraham Lincoln.

Today, the American people do not want another bloody, endless war, but a President who campaigned on no new wars is dragging this country and our allies into a war with little explanation and no clear long-term strategy.

The President has bluntly stated that the deaths of American servicemembers are a price he is willing to pay. Yet, just 6 months ago, he insisted that Iran's nuclear program had been completely and totally obliterated.

If that was the case, then what is the rationale for starting this war?

Our men and women in uniform are not disposable. Americans want no part of this war.

ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on endometriosis, a chronic and debilitating condition affecting more than 6.5 million women across the United States.

Despite its prevalence, it often goes undiagnosed for years. The journey to diagnosis is long, an average of more than 6 years from first symptoms to definitive diagnosis. Raising awareness is the first step to change.

That is why I thank Mary Alice Marriott Hatch for her partnership in bringing a screening of "Below the Belt" to Capitol Hill on March 18. I invite all of my congressional colleagues to join us and learn more about this important issue.

Mr. Speaker, awareness alone isn't enough. Investing in research, improving training for health professionals, and removing barriers to care are essential steps. With proper funding and attention, we can find effective treatments, improve quality of life, and bring hope to millions.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in a bipartisan fashion to give endometriosis care the attention that it deserves.

NO NEW WARS

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

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose President Trump's illegal, unconstitutional, and reckless war in Iran.

We are 5 days in, and we have lost six brave American servicemembers, and thousands of Americans are stranded abroad. My prayers are with their families and with everyone who is in harm's way.

After yesterday's briefing, I am more convinced than ever that there was no imminent threat to America, and there is no clear endgame strategy.

Americans need affordable healthcare, groceries, and lower gas prices, not a war that costs \$220 million

a day and puts our troops in danger without a clearly defined mission.

That is why I will vote for the bipartisan War Powers Resolution to rein in this out-of-control President and end his unauthorized hostilities in Iran.

KEEP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF HARM'S WAY

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to indicate that I attended the classified briefing yesterday. General Caine was there. The Secretary of State was there. The Secretary of War was there. I stayed from start to finish.

Mr. Speaker, after hearing from them, I have concluded that there was not—N-O-T—an imminent threat to this country, to my country, the country that I love.

I also concluded something else: that we should not put our young people in harm's way such that they are losing their lives, when the President knew or should have known that there was no imminent threat.

I will vote for the resolution. I believe it is an appropriate resolution, and I trust that it will pass. Of course, this is the Massie-Khanna resolution that I speak of.

CELEBRATING DUB BALLARD ON HIS CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I extend my most sincere congratulations to Hot Springs local Dub Ballard on his 100th birthday.

Reaching such a remarkable milestone is an achievement in itself, but the life Dub has lived is especially worthy of recognition.

Mr. Ballard was born into a time when a chuck roast cost 22 cents per pound. He has seen our Nation move and grow through times of hardship and progress, all while calling the Natural State his home.

With grandparents who owned a local grocery store, a mother who churned butter and raised chickens to sell, and a family farm growing cotton and corn, Mr. Ballard inherited a family legacy deeply rooted in commitment to his community.

This legacy followed him into his adult years. As a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Dub has led an exemplary life. From working on his family farm at age 6 to retiring from a long-tenured career with Coca-Cola at the young age of 98, Mr. Ballard is the definition of hard work and grit.

As a valued member of The Church of the Open Door and Hot Springs' senior

softball team, Dub has certainly left an indelible mark on his community. He represents the true values that built this Nation and continue to strengthen it today.

May Dub's 100th birthday be a celebration of a life well-lived and a legacy that endures for generations to come.

HONORING STEVEN ROBERTI

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a friend and his service to his community in northern California and the community I am so privileged to represent in Contra Costa County.

Steven Roberti developed a love for service through his membership at a young age in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 302 in Martinez, California.

Steven served as manager of the Contra Costa Labor Council from 1988 to 1996 and was later appointed to serve as region 9 manager at the U.S. Department of Labor, overseeing labor affairs across the Western United States during the Obama administration.

Steven also worked for the United Way, Shelter Inc., and the Contra Costa Regional Health Foundation.

Steven was a staunch advocate for working people and will be remembered for his lasting impact on the labor movement in California and his dedicated public service.

Please join me in honoring this wonderful man's memory, a fighter for American workers, Steven Roberti.

HONORING CORA VIGIL GOMEZ

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Cora Vigil Gomez, one of the first women on the Tribal Council for the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

She lived a life of passion, self-reliance, service to the community, and hard work. As one of the Tribal Council members, she was instrumental in the lawsuit against corporations who said that you can't tax them. She attended the United States Supreme Court hearing, and that Nation established the sovereign right of Tribes to impose taxation to fund their government.

She started an elderly meal program where she actually butchered the sheep herself and then delivered the meals. It eventually became federally and State funded and is now still serving the people of the region.

In the 1980s, she was one of only four Native American representatives from New Mexico for Title IV of the Older Americans Act, which commenced the Federal funding of Tribal programs for elders.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have represented Cora Vigil Gomez and her Nation as an attorney and as her Representative.

I honor Councilwoman Gomez, and am so sad for all of us now that she has passed, but I am so glad that we can remember and be inspired by her for generations to come.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7744, FURTHER ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1095 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1095

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 7744) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The gentleman from Georgia is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, last night the Committee on Rules met and granted a rule providing for consideration of one measure. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7744 under a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member on the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. Additionally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, nearly 3 weeks ago, on February 13, my Democrat colleagues

irresponsibly and vindictively shut down the Department of Homeland Security, crippling the capabilities of the very Department charged with protecting the American people.

Leading up to that moment, I brought forth a rule that allowed the House to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 7148, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026, legislation that funded the remainder of the Federal Government through the end of the fiscal year with the exception of the Department of Homeland Security.

Despite previously agreeing to a bipartisan and bicameral approach to fund the Department of Homeland Security through the end of the fiscal year, including provisions for both funding and enhanced oversight, Democrats reversed course at the last minute and have since held this critical funding hostage, directly putting the safety and security of the American people at risk.

Mr. Speaker, I return today to give my Democrat colleagues the opportunity to reverse course on this dangerous lapse in leadership and move legislation forward that provides full funding for the personnel, training, and technology necessary to protect our homeland and keep our communities safe, secure, and resilient.

The Department of Homeland Security oversees agencies responsible for aviation security, border protection, cyber defense, disaster response, maritime security, and counterterrorism missions that directly impact the safety of millions of Americans every single day.

Simply put, a "yes" vote on today's rule is a vote to consider legislation that will fully fund the Department of Homeland Security, ensuring that the agencies tasked with keeping the American people safe, from counterterrorism to cybersecurity, to disaster response, are not weakened at a moment when threats are rapidly increasing.

A "yes" vote on today's rule is a vote to stand with the men and women on the frontlines of our national security, from coastguardsmen to GSA officers, to cyber defenders, law enforcement personnel, and emergency responders who are now working every day without pay to keep our country safe.

A "yes" vote on today's rule is a vote to consider legislation to end this Democrat shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security and restore the resources necessary to defend the American people.

Mr. Speaker, the need to fully fund the Department of Homeland Security becomes even clearer when we consider the serious global threats facing our country today. For nearly 50 years, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the number one state sponsor of terrorism, has called our great country the "Great Satan" and indoctrinated generations of its people with the chants of "Death to America," making clear its commitment to our destruction.