

made by our government, and as such the framers of the Constitution delegated the power to declare war exclusively to Congress, the body meant to represent the will and deliberation of the people themselves. The purpose of this delegation of power was in part to ensure no single person could be influenced by poor judgment to make a deadly miscalculation.

This is precisely what is happening to us today. President Trump, emboldened by a questionable operation in Venezuela and manipulated by Prime Minister Netanyahu, has sacrificed American lives and military resources in a regime change operation. The American people have been very vocal with their elected officials. They are tired of war. They want us to focus our energy and treasure on improving American lives at home.

War in all its forms is Hell. Only occasionally, and after careful consideration, can this Hell on Earth be considered necessary. It is Congress' duty to conduct this deliberation, and to ensure no one person can declare war. Congress must reclaim its constitutional authority to declare war. Mr. Speaker, I will vote for this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired. Pursuant to the order of the House of March 3, 2026, the previous question is ordered on the concurrent resolution.

The question is on adoption of the concurrent resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

#### THANKING THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Mr. EVANS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Thornton Fire Department, the Thornton Police Department, and every assisting first responder who rushed to the scene last week to extinguish a suburban wildfire in my district.

As a former cop and Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter pilot who fought wildfires, I am proud of these first responders and their continued dedication to protecting our communities. What could have been a devastating disaster resulted in no loss of life or homes thanks to these brave heroes.

However, as the Marshall fire, the worst wildfire in Colorado history, reminds us, suburban wildfires can become catastrophic, and emergency management funding is critical in disaster-prone regions like Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my Democrat colleagues to vote in favor of the Department of Homeland Security's

appropriation bill and restore FEMA funding, emergency management funding, for my constituents and for constituents around the country.

#### WAR IN IRAN

(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, too many Americans cannot afford their health insurance. Medical facilities are facing serious cutbacks and staff shortages. Housing is unaffordable for millions of our people, and the cost of living is getting out of hand.

Instead of addressing any one of these critical issues here at home, this weekend, the Trump-Vance administration singularly launched a regime-change war on Iran. Significant U.S. military forces and hundreds of millions of dollars are being deployed without congressional authorization.

As a cosponsor of the Iran War Powers Resolution, I know that no such vote was called in either Chamber of Congress prior to this profound and unprecedented military action.

As Americans from coast to coast honor the sacrifice of the six brave servicemembers who already lost their lives in this war, our people have a right to hear debate before more U.S. troops and military assets are sent abroad. Billions and billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars are being expended in this war which could last for weeks or months or years.

The economic impact of the closure of the Strait of Hormuz is already being felt. Yesterday, the price of gasoline was bobbing up and down, up and down. The American people deserve affordability, not more foreign wars.

#### COUNTERING IRAN'S AGGRESSION AND PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the Iranian regime as it threatens the United States and our ally Israel.

Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terror, bankrolling the heinous terrorist groups Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis.

The regime and its proxies seek to destroy America and Israel and wreak havoc across the Middle East.

Let me be clear: Iran can never be allowed to obtain nuclear weapons, and the United States must always be prepared to act to prevent a nuclear-armed Iran.

Our Nation is eternally grateful to the brave servicemembers who are keeping us safe, and we mourn those who have been lost in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, I hope the administration will come to Congress with a plan and work with us to counter Iran's aggression and protect our country.

#### CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. MOORE of Utah was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to be joined by my colleagues this evening.

Before my remarks, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. CRANK).

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, America often faces difficult moments and difficult choices. Presidents are no different. They often-times have to face difficult decisions, and I hope that Members of this body will think about their vote as they decide whether to support the President in this effort or not and apply the same standard.

I have always thought to try and apply the same standard, whether the President belongs to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party, apply the same standard.

I rise today in support of President Trump's action against Iran. The Iranian regime has been threatening America for nearly 50 years. It has killed countless American citizens, and it has brutally killed our servicemembers.

I had a gentleman in my district come up to me the other day. This was before the President took action, and he said: We must take action. He said: I have lost 20 of my friends to the Iranians, to their terror throughout the years. He had served 24 years in the United States Army.

In years prior, we have had Presidents use strikes against our enemies and have done it without congressional approval because the Constitution does a couple of things. In Article I, it gives Congress the power to declare war, but in Article II, it gives the President the power to be the Commander in Chief. Our Founders intentionally made it inherently contradict in that way.

They wanted to diffuse power. They didn't want to give all the power to Congress, and they didn't want to give all the power to the President of the United States, so they intentionally did that. Presidents throughout time have used that.

Thomas Jefferson in the First Barbary War did not come to Congress. He deployed troops in the Barbary War. The War of 1812, the same thing was done, although Congress did come back and authorize and declare war. It wasn't done at first.

We have had Presidents use these strikes against our enemies without

congressional approval in modern times, like President Obama in Libya or President Clinton in Kosovo. Yet, for some reason, the other side of the aisle wants to make a political statement on this particular issue because of who the President is.

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Mr. Speaker, that is not a standard any of us should apply. I would hope, as a legislator—I wasn't here when Bill Clinton was President. I wasn't here when Barack Obama was President. I can say that I had a public life then. I didn't go out and attack the President of the United States at that time.

I am here to support the men and women of the military and the Presidents who have to make tough decisions from time to time. For some reason, on the other side of the aisle, many want to make a political statement rather than just let the President use his legal authority as Commander in Chief, as stated in the Constitution.

Both Republican and Democratic Presidents have attempted to negotiate deals with this Iranian regime, only to be met with lies and deception. We have seen it time and time again.

Mr. Speaker, I want to be clear. If President Trump had not acted, every American life in the region would have been in immediate peril.

The President and his administration have set clear goals. What are they? They are to annihilate their nuclear capabilities, to annihilate their Navy, and to annihilate their missile and delivery capability. This will save the globe from Iran's regime of terror.

Time and time again, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have claimed that any military action will draw us into a long-term war. They say it is going to happen. Just a few short months ago in Venezuela, we had folks who said: Well, why didn't the President come to Congress and have us declare war?

Did we declare war on Venezuela? No. Are we at war with Venezuela? No. It was a 1-day action that the President has the authority to undertake as Commander in Chief of the United States military.

It didn't happen in Venezuela. They told us that the President will draw us into a long-term conflict. It didn't happen in Operation Midnight Hammer when the President ordered B-2 bombers to deliver strikes on Iranian nuclear sites. It is not going to happen now.

President Trump made every effort to find a peaceful and negotiated solution to this crisis. Ayatollah Khamenei only sought death to America. He had no intention of negotiating.

In fact, for 47 years, this regime has simply used deception, lies, and deals to kick the can down the road so that they could pursue their nuclear ambitions. They were never giving up on that. They didn't give up on it after Operation Midnight Hammer and not until this regime has ended.

Due to Khamenei's death, I believe the United States has avoided a prolonged conflict that would have killed many Americans. I find some of the comments by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle outlandish, and I hope that they will choose.

So many say they support the nation of Israel. So many can stand up and say they support our men and women in the military. It is time to choose. Will they choose to defend our Nation first instead of their political games directed at a President? If they choose political games directed at a President, when this President is gone, they will have damaged the institution of the Presidency. They will have damaged the honor of this House of Representatives.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Colorado is adjacent to some of the most important military apparatuses of our country, USAFA, where we share a border. I appreciate his focus on such a strong need for our military.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to express my excitement, which I don't often say, my excitement for this tax season. Those are not words I oftentimes say, nor do many Americans. There is reason to be excited this year in the wake of passing incredibly important, progrowth tax policy last summer, which the House Republicans led and then signed into law. This is historic relief.

The thing I wanted to highlight is what we are providing for working families and everyday Americans. In that, there is one specific thing that I wanted to highlight. That is Trump Accounts. These are the new investment accounts for children. Invest America has been an initiative for several years. It has been a thought and an idea for even longer, decades even. We were able to get this signed into law, and it will be enacted and started later this year.

Mr. Speaker, I will talk a little bit more about what the process is and what this actually is. This is a transformational investment for kids in every ZIP Code. It doesn't matter if a person lives in an apartment, a big city, or on a country road out in rural America. Our kids will have access to something that most people don't take advantage of until they are well into their careers.

Trump Accounts allow parents, guardians, and other custodians to establish a new type of tax-advantaged individual savings and investment account for children. As part of a special pilot program, every American child born between January 1, 2025—more than a year ago—and December 31, 2028, is eligible to receive an automatic deposit of \$1,000 from the U.S. Government into their accounts, giving every newborn a stake in the future success of the American economy.

Parents can also contribute up to \$5,000 per year and employers up to \$2,500 per year. State, local, and Tribal

governments, as well as charities, can also contribute.

We have seen significant interest in this program, including an incredible contribution of \$6.25 billion with a b from Michael and Susan Dell and their family's private foundation. That contribution is going to be geared toward those children who were born in the last 10 years. The initiative that we passed this year will be focused on the next 4 years.

What Michael and Susan Dell have done is they contributed over \$6 billion to start these accounts and seed them with money for children, essentially ages 2 through 10, in neighborhoods and communities across our country. This will get them started. They have this investment account that they will have, as I mentioned, well into their careers. I think it essentially gives them a 30-year head start on their retirements.

At the very heart of this policy is the goal of providing opportunities for Americans at that very early age. Good government policy empowers the individual. It nurtures and encourages the best of human ingenuity and, of course, human progress. That is exactly what these investment accounts aim to do.

The United States boasts the world's strongest economy. Thanks to strong capital markets and household investments, we can contribute to our communities, society, and economy. We can improve our overall quality of life and seek financial realities better than the ones from which we came.

However, wealth and opportunity gaps prevent millions of people from taking advantage of the capital markets that could help build household wealth.

Capitalism is the gateway to opportunity and helping our youth realize the power of compounding interest and how it could change their lives. These accounts will play a key role in it.

The fact that we have, at the age of 4—I have a 4-year-old. The fact that Frankie will have an account that is tied to him, and he will be able to monitor that. When he is 10, he will understand it a bit better. He won't understand it right now.

Think about it. When he goes to a fifth grade class and the teacher says: "Hey, everybody. Pull out your investment account." There is a good chance they have all signed up for it if we have done our jobs. We have 435 Members of this body. If we do our jobs in communicating this benefit to our constituents, this will grow. This program will be wildly successful. They will be able to say: Hey, look, it started at X. Now it is at Y.

They have an extra 20 bucks that month for some chores that they did. They are going to put an extra 20 bucks in it. A grandparent is going to say that every grandkid gets \$2,000 this year.

That is the best investment in their kids. Instead of buying an extra pair of shoes sometimes, they will put money

directly into their future and, ultimately, into their retirement.

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This is a historic new savings tool. More Americans will be saving. They will be investing and building a solid financial footing.

These accounts have the potential to help children accrue tens of thousands of dollars by the time they reach adulthood. That can make the difference in so many lives when it comes to paying for college, building their first home, starting their own business, and what I am most hopeful for, and what I will continue to put the focus on is as they save for their own retirement.

I think typical IRAs, Roth 401(k)'s, or Roth IRAs, anything of the like, you are typically maybe 30 years old when you start your first one. Think about starting that 30 years earlier. It is a small amount of money to start, but that is going to grow for 30 years, where they wouldn't have otherwise had that.

This is a game changer. These accounts will come online July 5 of this year, 2026, but here is the important part: Parents can create an account today for their children. Those born between 2025 and 2028 will have their accounts seeded with \$1,000, but, again, every child under age 18 can have an account.

To be an American is to win life's lottery. We live in the greatest Nation in the world with tremendous freedoms and unparalleled opportunities. We have the ability to chase the American Dream from childhood through retirement, and these accounts will help more people achieve it.

I am really excited about these accounts and what this means to the next generation. It is good for Utahns. It is good for working families, and it is good for our country's future.

I urge everyone to take advantage of this and sign up today at [trumpaccounts.gov](http://trumpaccounts.gov).

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### RECOGNIZING MARTIN HOGAN

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized for 30 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martin Hogan for being named the grand marshal of Savannah's 202nd St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Mr. Hogan was chosen from hundreds of nominees to lead the parade and represent the community. Savannah's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of the largest festivals in the country and has been taking place for more than 200 years.

Each year, the fountain in Forsyth Park is dyed green, and thousands of people travel to Savannah to celebrate.

Mr. Hogan hopes to bring back deeper meaning to the holidays, focusing on the importance of the St. Patrick's

Day feast, not just the mischief and fun, and there is plenty of that.

Martin is a logistics and trucking professional who has many years of experience and has made significant contributions to the community. Mr. Hogan is a dedicated and hardworking individual who is more than qualified for this role.

We are excited to see Mr. Hogan represent the city of Savannah with honor and distinction.

"Ireland forever"; "Erin go bragh."

HONORING LINDA DAVIS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Linda Davis, the beloved special education teacher who was tragically taken from us on February 16, 2026.

A native of Beaufort, South Carolina, she made her home in Pooler, Georgia, bringing warmth and positivity to every community she touched.

In her first year at Hesse K-8 School in Savannah, Dr. Davis taught young students with special needs, greeting each with an infectious smile, patience, and belief in their potential.

For nearly 18 years, Linda devoted her career to education, creating nurturing spaces where every child felt seen and valued. Colleagues recall her kindness and her ability to make everyone feel that they truly mattered.

A devoted wife, a mother of five, sister, and mentor, Linda loved dancing, singing, and family.

Linda's was a life taken too soon by an individual fleeing ICE, who never should have been in our country in the first place.

May we cherish educators like Dr. Linda Davis, who shaped brighter futures one child at a time.

I thank Linda for her beautiful spirit. She is deeply missed.

CELEBRATING VISIT SAVANNAH ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Visit Savannah as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. This marks a significant milestone for the city's journey in becoming a major tourist destination.

Visit Savannah began its work by attempting to attract drivers off of the interstate. The organization has now grown into a major contributor to the major growth of Savannah's tourism industry. Visit Savannah attracts approximately 16 million visitors each year, generating billions of dollars in economic impact.

Savannah is Georgia's third biggest city and now one of the most popular places to visit. Visit Savannah has generated \$4.1 billion in direct spending annually.

The city's tourism has not only generated over 28,000 local jobs but also improved infrastructure and advanced the culinary scene across Savannah and Chatham County.

We thank Visit Savannah for 50 years of dedicated and impactful service to Georgia's First District.

RECOGNIZING STEVEN C. ANDERSON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the re-

markable 20-year tenure of Steven C. Anderson as president and CEO of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

Mr. Anderson has announced his retirement from NACDS, effective at the end of this year. Under his leadership, NACDS transformed from a challenging period into one of the Nation's strongest and most respected healthcare trade associations.

Mr. Anderson guided the organization through the 2008 financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic, rebuilding its foundation for long-term strength, contributing to America's recovery, and elevating the organization into a trusted source for research and policy.

His tenure has shaped pharmacy's vital role, helping shift community pharmacies from underappreciated to essential frontline providers of care. His efforts led to landmark PBM reform legislation, helping to deliver transparency and accountability.

Steve's legacy is one of unity, innovation, and commitment to advancing pharmacy's mission and serving communities and families.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Steve Anderson for two decades of transformational and dedicated service.

RECOGNIZING ELANA MEYERS TAYLOR

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize American bobsledder, Elana Meyers Taylor.

After making Team USA for the 2026 Winter Olympics, which made her a five-time Olympian, Elana went on to bring home the gold medal in women's monobob.

A Douglasville, Georgia, native and George Washington University graduate, Meyers exhibits true sportsmanship and grit, highlighting outstanding American athleticism.

Since 2007, Elana has been a dominant force in bobsledding. In 2009, she secured a silver medal in the two-woman bobsled at the FIBT World Championships. She won a bronze medal at the 2010 Winter Olympics and a silver medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

In 2010, she also helped the U.S. win its first women's Bobsled World Championship title by beating three German teams. In the 2018 Olympics, she continued her storied history of success, winning another silver medal.

This year, though, she added to her titles of oldest Olympic bobsled medalist, mother, and comeback athlete, finishing her event in 3 minutes, 57.93 seconds, and earning that of Olympic gold medalist.

We are all so proud of Elana and how she has represented both Team USA and the wonderful State of Georgia.

MISS SOPHIE'S RESTAURANT TO RELAUNCH AT MIGHTY EIGHTH MUSEUM

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the relaunching of Miss Sophie's restaurant.

The restaurant located in Pooler, Georgia, was relaunched under new ownership at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force.