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HONORING THOSE KILLED IN IRAN

(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, President Trump has launched us into a war of choice with Iran, with no clear explanation. Yet we know some of the consequences. Six U.S. servicemembers have been killed, dozens injured. More than 40,000 of our troops, including hundreds of Pennsylvanians, are at risk. Thousands of American citizens are stranded.

I do not mourn the loss of Ayatollah Khamenei. Yet I am greatly concerned about the danger and destruction that Mr. Trump has unleashed in the Middle East.

Abraham Lincoln wrote that our Founders resolved to so frame the Constitution that no one man should hold the power to bring oppression of war upon our Nation.

That power lies with Congress because we are closest to the people, and it is why I voted today in favor of the War Powers Resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I lift the names of our fallen soldiers. Just as our colleagues did a moment ago, I lift their names in prayer: Captain Cody Khork, Sergeant First Class Nicole Amor, Sergeant First Class Noah Tietjens, Sergeant Declan Coady, Major Jeffrey O'Brien, and Chief Warrant Officer Robert Marzan.

God bless them, and God bless their families.

CELEBRATING EZRA AND CLEO
TEETERS

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ezra and Cleo Teeters from Waverly, Ohio. Ezra and Cleo represent an extraordinary love story that spans more than eight decades.

Ezra and Cleo met as children, growing up in the same neighborhood and sharing the same bus ride. Their life has been full of love and amazing memories as together they have one son, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Their marriage began in the middle of a snowstorm. During the Christmas season of 1945, when Ezra was on leave from his service in the Army in World War II, Ezra and Cleo drove across the Ohio border into Kentucky to get married at the age of 19. Ezra and Cleo kept this secret, telling everyone they were going Christmas shopping, but really they were going to get married.

This year, both Ezra and Cleo will celebrate their 100th birthdays. I wish them continued health and congratulate them on their amazing life that they have shared together over the past eight decades.

RECOGNIZING DEANNA LEWIS

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

Mrs. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, as we begin Women's History Month, I rise to recognize a true leader from southern Arizona, Deanna Lewis.

In 1984, Deanna became the first woman and the first Black woman to serve in the Tucson Fire Department. In a profession where few women had previously worked, she stepped forward anyway, not to make history but to protect and care for her community.

Over a 20-year career in the fire departments of both Tucson and Tubac, Deanna demonstrated strength, integrity, and a deep commitment to southern Arizona families. Because of her, more women now see themselves in uniform, in leadership, and in public service.

This Women's History Month, we honor Deanna Lewis for her trailblazing leadership and recommit ourselves to building a future where every young woman, whether she dreams of fighting fires or serving in the Halls of Congress, knows there is a place for her.

RECOGNIZING JEN WOMACK

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jen Womack of Newcastle, Wyoming, for being named the 2025 Person of the Year by the Newsletter Journal.

Jen has long been a cornerstone of both her Newcastle community and our State. People may know her name from her time diligently reporting for the Wyoming Livestock Roundup, the extensive work she has done to document history in both Converse County and the history of the origins of the Pathfinder Ranch, or from the impacts she made on so many of our young people during her time leading the Wyoming FFA Foundation.

She has now opened three thriving businesses on Main Street in Newcastle and has established a community support fund called the Sunshine Fund.

Jen is like a rising tide who lifts her community and her neighbors. She represents all that is great about the Cowboy State and truly embodies the tight-knit community spirit found across Wyoming.

Please join me in recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of Newcastle, Wyoming's Jen Womack.

COSTS OF THE WAR IN IRAN

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, much has been said about the President's war

in Iran. He has not made the case clear to the American people about what he is looking to achieve.

Regime change from the air may be unlikely and may result in a more extreme, hostile, and dangerous regime than existed before. All of that is true, but what is truly unacceptable is the cost, both in American blood and American treasure.

We don't know yet the cost of the war but by some estimates it could cost as much as \$1 billion a day. The President has said 4 to 6 weeks, and that translates to \$28 to \$42 billion. I have heard even more alarming reports from senior DOD officials earlier today. That money won't be spent on lowering working Americans' grocery bills, prescription drugs, and gas at the pump.

The most terrifying cost is the six Americans who have been killed, including one who is a constituent that lived in Spotsylvania, Virginia.

Yesterday, the Secretary of Defense said it is "tragic news" that is reported because the press only wants to make the President look bad. That is outrageous and beyond the pale. This is not about the President. It is not about the Secretary. It is about the servicemembers.

The American people are deeply concerned about our sons and daughters dying in a war that just 27 percent support.

REMEMBERING LOU HOLTZ

(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 honor the life of legendary college football coach Lou Holtz, who passed away this week at the age of 89.

Over a truly remarkable 33-year coaching career, Coach Holtz won 249 games at football programs across the country.

Most of all, Coach Holtz is best remembered for restoring Notre Dame football to greatness. In 1988, he guided the Fighting Irish to a perfect 12-0 season and a national championship, cementing his place among the greatest leaders in the history of college football.

Coach Holtz's legacy goes far beyond wins and championships. He was known for his faith, his commitment to protecting life, and his ability to inspire young men to strive for excellence on and off the field. He was also an honorary trustee at Trine University in my district.

From humble beginnings in West Virginia to the College Football Hall of Fame, Lou Holtz embodied perseverance, discipline, and leadership.

Today, we remember a legendary coach who shaped the game of college football and the lives of countless players. May he rest in peace.

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CURB PRESIDENT TRUMP'S USE OF MILITARY FORCE IN IRAN

(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 with grave concerns about President Trump's unwarranted and unconstitutional war of choice on Iran.

Only Congress has the authority to declare war. The President does not have the power to send our Nation to war unilaterally.

We are now in an escalating conflict that the American people do not want and that Congress did not authorize.

Senior Trump administration officials have failed to provide significant evidence of an imminent threat to justify this attack, and there is no consensus on when it will end.

What is their plan to prevent further loss of American servicemembers? What will stop our country from being pulled into another protracted conflict in the Middle East? How much will it cost?

This is why I just voted for a War Powers Resolution to curb President Trump's use of military force in Iran and protect American lives.

RECOGNIZING PIKES PEAK INTERNATIONAL HILL CLIMB

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

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true gem of the Colorado Springs region, the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, otherwise known around the world as the Race to the Clouds.

Founded by entrepreneur and philanthropist Spencer Penrose over 100 years ago, it has grown exponentially since its beginning.

Being the second-oldest auto race in America and one of the most iconic motorsports events, many racing legends have pushed the limits of their automobiles to take on the hill climb. The course includes 156 turns to the top of America's Mountain and a finishing elevation of 14,115 feet above sea level.

Even today, it draws competitors, media, and fans from around the world, highlighting Colorado Springs as a premier destination for outdoor recreation, innovation, and international sport.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebrating 104 years of remarkable tradition at Pikes Peak.

HONORING ED FELIEN

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable career and ac-

complishments of Minneapolis journalist Ed Felien, founder and editor of Southside Pride.

For over 55 years, Mr. Felien worked to encourage civic debate and uplift local voices through community news.

After working as a journalist, college professor, and a Minneapolis city councilmember, Ed started Southside Pride in 1991, a free monthly newspaper publishing community news for the Phillips, Powderhorn, Riverside, and Seward neighborhoods.

For 35 years, Ed and his team have kept Southsiders informed with reliable and informative news covering a breadth of topics, from local events to international conflicts.

While we will miss the reporting, we congratulate Ed and the staff of Southside Pride on their journalistic accomplishments and wish Ed well in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING HANNAH BILKA

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

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate north Texan Hannah Bilka of the U.S. Women's Hockey Team for winning gold at the 2026 Milan Olympics.

Hannah grew up in Coppell, Texas, where she began skating with local hockey clubs at a young age. She graduated from Coppell Middle School North and completed ninth grade at New Tech High School before moving to pursue more opportunities in competitive hockey.

At just 24 years old, Hannah competed on the world stage against rival Team Canada in the Olympic final. Her talent and sportsmanship were on full display this year in Milan, where she scored four goals over seven games and helped lead Team USA throughout the tournament and on to a gold medal victory.

Her journey from local rinks in north Texas to Olympic champion is inspiring to many young Olympians and many young athletes across the Lone Star State.

I thank Hannah for representing north Texas and the United States in such an incredible way.

STRENGTHENING GUARDRAILS OF OUR DEMOCRACY

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, the guarantee of free and fair elections is the very bedrock of our democracy. However, from the moment this term began, he has made every effort to subvert the electoral process for political gain. We continue to hear the big lie about the 2020 election and pressure lawmakers across the country to redraw congressional districts for polit-

ical purposes. We saw insurrectionists pardoned.

Most recently, he has called for the party to nationalize voting in the United States. That is why, this week, I introduced the POINT Act, because our elections must remain insulated from bad-faith actors who seek to undermine the will of the voters.

This bill would prohibit the President and senior members of his administration from knowingly engaging in election interference or using Federal resources to interfere with an election. It prohibits: the deployment of our military and Federal officers, if such is likely to disrupt an election; postal confiscation of all mail ballots; and ICE or National Guard from looming at the polls.

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that we strengthen the guardrails of our democracy against anyone who seeks to abuse power for political gain.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE PATRICK M. SHEPHERD

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Patrick Shepherd for his recent appointment to the State Court of Spalding County, filling a vacancy created by Georgia State H.B. 798.

Previously, Judge Shepherd served as solicitor general of Spalding County, where he prosecuted misdemeanor cases in the Spalding County State Court.

Judge Shepherd was also a partner in the Shepherd Law Offices, where he practiced with his father. He represented clients in civil litigation, criminal defense, personal injury, and estate matters.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Georgia—go Dawgs—in 2005 and his juris doctorate from Mercer University School of Law in 2009.

Judge Shepherd is a lifelong resident of Spalding County with deep ties to the community through the Spalding County Bar Association, the First Baptist Church, and the Griffin Exchange Club.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Shepherd and his wife, Robin, have two daughters and live in Griffin, Georgia.

REMEMBERING ALBERTO GUTIERREZ REYES

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, Alberto Gutierrez Reyes died at ICE's Adelanto holding facility recently, allegedly because of a lack of access to medical care for chronic conditions.

I visited this facility just weeks ago and was prevented from speaking with