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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

the detainees to verify the claims made by ICE staff that they were adequately taking care of the detainees' medical issues. This is despite the law and courts clearly giving Members of Congress explicit oversight authorities.

I will be returning to Adelanto and demanding answers from the agency that has billions of dollars to protect the homeland but could not provide basic medical care for someone who was in their custody.

Until there's justice for Alberto's family and the other families impacted by ICE's brutality and recklessness, I will be voting "no" on any new funding for ICE or CBP.

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#### IMMIGRATION CONCERNS

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Obviously, the Department of Homeland Security has been in the paper a lot lately.

I want to remind people of these facts:

We are already letting in about 800,000 people every year legally in this country, which is at an all-time high by a mile. One-sixth of the people in this country are born in another country, which is also at an all-time high. We are already letting in one-half million people every year on work visas. Perhaps that should be higher, but you add up these final last three numbers, Mr. Speaker, and it tells us we are not in desperate need of letting more people in this country.

There are people who only want to kick out people who have a criminal record. First of all, it would be very unfair to the people who obeyed the law to come here.

Secondly, it means we may be letting in hardworking people, but people who don't share our values.

Third, it means we are driving up housing costs.

Fourth, it means America will become more crowded. I am old enough to remember when all good environmentalists did not want a lot of immigrants here because they wanted a more natural state.

In any event, these are things we should remember when discussing immigration.

#### CONGRATULATING CHARLIE MCAVOY

(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 congratulate Charlie McAvoy, a proud native of Long Beach and New York-4 on representing the United States at the 2026 Winter Olympics and bringing home a gold medal as a member of the men's ice hockey team.

Charlie's journey from local rinks to the very top of the Olympic podium is

a very powerful testament to his talent, dedication, and discipline. His success stands as a model for aspiring athletes not only across Long Island but across our country.

Charlie's story sends a clear and inspiring message: Greatness can grow from our neighborhoods, our schools, and our hometown arenas. With hard work, resilience, and belief in yourself, Mr. Speaker, dreams that begin at home can carry you to the highest stages in the world.

On behalf of Long Island, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to Charlie and his family. We thank him for representing our community and our country.

May his achievement remain a source of pride for Long Islanders and an inspiration for generations to come.

#### HONORING THE LATE CONGRESS- MAN SYLVESTER TURNER

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

Mr. MENEFEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for my first time addressing the House to honor my predecessor, the late, great Sylvester Turner.

Our Congressman was a Houstonian through and through. He was a public servant who served with honor and integrity. He was a father and a grandfather.

He was the mayor of our phenomenal city. During his time as mayor, he led us through multiple natural disasters. He ensured that we had diversity and access to our government, and he fought for voting rights.

The late Congressman left big shoes to fill, but I intend to fill them, and I know my colleagues on the Democratic side will do so as well by fighting for voting rights legislation that ensures that every single person has fair access to the ballot box.

Today, I am here to honor our late Congressman Sylvester Turner. May we fight for voting rights.

#### CELEBRATING PULASKI DAY

(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, I rise today to celebrate General Casimir Pulaski Day, which took place earlier this week. It honors his enduring legacy of service to our Nation when it was very young. He was a native son of Poland, and he became a hero in the American Revolution.

General Pulaski brought to our shores an unshakeable love of liberty and military courage. On the battlefields of our Revolution, Pulaski's strategic brilliance and bravery helped forge what would become the American cavalry. He shed his blood for a nation not yet his own, proving that the cause of liberty knows no borders.

We are proud to honor the deep bonds between the United States and Poland. It is an alliance rooted in shared sacrifice and shared democratic values.

My fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Poland Caucus and other Members of this Chamber have introduced a resolution honoring 250 years of Polish-America relations.

May Pulaski's timeless example continue to inspire us to defend freedom wherever it is threatened and to remain steadfast partners in its cause.

Onward together for your freedom and ours.

#### UNAUTHORIZED WAR IS RECKLESS

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

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, Rhode Islanders are struggling with Trump's affordability crisis. Yet instead of focusing on the needs of the American people, Trump started a war of choice with Iran.

Now six American servicemembers are dead, thousands of Americans are stranded, and the risk of a wider war is growing, all while spending \$1 billion a day of your taxpayer dollars, Mr. Speaker.

Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon, and the Iranian people deserve self-determination. However, starting a war without a vote in Congress is not a strategy. It is reckless.

Trump has offered no clear objective, no day-after plan or endgame, and our Constitution is clear: Congress decides when we go to war.

I have voted yes on the War Powers Resolution to stop Trump from further destabilizing the Middle East, to prevent more casualties, and to stop this madness.

One man should not be able to drag America into another foreign war, and we must keep fighting to stop these actions that are leaving Americans and the world less safe at a major cost to all of us.

#### CHAMPION OF THE WEEK: WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT OF THE AKRON AREA

(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 the recipients of the 2026 Women's History Project Woman of the Year Awards as Ohio's 13th Congressional Districts' Champion of the Week.

This month, the Women's History Project committee will honor eight women from Summit County for their contributions to the community, aligning with the 2026 theme of Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future.

One of these inspiring women is Khatonia Ford, a constituent advocate