

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

Mr. MENEFEЕ. 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

in my Akron office. She is receiving the Woman to Watch award, which is given to a woman under the age of 30 who has already shown potential for making lasting contributions to her community, State, or country. Trust me, Mr. Speaker, she is more than deserving.

Our award recipients include: Sarah Abood, who will receive the Initiative Award; Laura Davis, who will receive the Perseverance Award; Lillie Jackson, who will receive the Pioneer Award; Lois Matney, who will receive the Inspiration Award; Miriam Ray, who will receive the Imagination Award; Kathy Ress, who will receive the Faith Award; and Jane Startzman, who will receive the Creativity Award.

I thank these phenomenal women for leading the way and for providing such an impressive example. It is everyday citizens doing remarkable things who help make our community the birthplace of champions.

Recipients of the 2026 Women's History Project Woman of the Year Awards are certainly champions in their own right and have made Summit County and Ohio's 13th Congressional District proud.

#### END THE WAR IN IRAN

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of the grieving families of the servicemembers killed. I rise on behalf of the little girls in Iran killed by bombs raining down on their schools.

Constituents in my district are horrified to see the United States and Israel launch a war with Iran that has already spread to a dozen more countries. Parents are clutching their young sons as they remember stories from their grandparents about the boys sacrificed to the draft. They see the baby girls in Iran, their small bodies decimated, as their own daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I implore my colleagues, when a nation loses care and concern for children, all the children, a nation becomes irredeemable. The children of the world are all of ours always.

Small men wage endless wars because they are looking to profit. They believe their privilege and connections will shelter their own children from the frontline horrors of war, but our destinies are tied, Mr. Speaker. We rise and fall together.

Trump has no plan of how many lives will be sacrificed before it is enough. We will not tolerate his callous disregard for human life. End this war now.

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: INTRODUCING ALYSA LIU

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

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, this is Women's History Month, and I rise to introduce my constituent of the week. Her name is Alysa Liu. She is 20 years old, and she was raised in Oakland, educated in Oakland, and trained in Oakland.

Two weeks ago in Milan, Alysa brought home two Olympic gold medals to the United States of America. She is the first American woman on the top of that podium in 24 years. She walked away from skating at 16 and came back on her own terms.

Her father fled China after Tiananmen Square, arrived in Oakland with nothing, worked his way through law school, and has raised five children on his own. He brought her to the ice at just 5 years old, and she took it from there.

Watch her skate, and you see something extremely rare, Mr. Speaker, not just excellence but joy and clarity. She is a young woman so completely herself. An Olympic arena becomes a place of joy and freedom. That is an American hero, not despite where she came from but because of it.

Oakland is proud, and we honor Alysa Liu today.

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#### ISSUES OF THE DAY

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. And still I rise. I rise today, Mr. Speaker, a liberated, unbought, unbossed, unafraid Democrat. I rise, Mr. Speaker, after having been censured but not silenced. Censured, but not silenced.

Yes, I am that person who chooses to take on some of the great social injustices of our time. There are times when taking on these injustices necessitates that we take action right here in this Chamber. I am proud of the things that I have done to call to the attention not only of the Congress, not only of this country, but to the attention of the world some of the injustices taking place in my country. Quite frankly, it is the country that I love because of what it stands for in its great documents, liberty and justice for all, as told in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Yes, I sometimes have to take difficult positions. When I do, I sometimes have to face difficult consequences, but I do so, and still I rise, Mr. Speaker. And still I rise.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I rise to address corruption within the Trump administration, corruption within the Trump family, corruption within Trump politics. I want to show how this corruption is encroaching upon something that is very sacred in this institution.

Let me start now, Mr. Speaker, with corruption within the Trump family. Mr. Speaker, I had the preeminent privilege of being a part of a hearing

today in Financial Services. This hearing had to do with fraud, fraud being perpetrated.

Well, I want to talk about the corruption being perpetrated. I spoke about this at the hearing today, and I shall revisit some of these things that I called to the attention of the public at the hearing today.

The first is a news article. It is styled "Trump meme coin down 96 percent as bitcoin and meme coins slide." This is the \$TRUMP memecoin. This article is dated February 9, 2026, and I shall read excerpts.

It reads in part this: "Last February, the coin's market capitalization stood at \$3.5 billion"—we are talking about now the \$TRUMP memecoin, \$3.5 billion—"already well below its \$14.5 billion peak on the eve of his second inauguration."

When the Trump administration took on the task of being President again—which I regret occurred, to be quite candid with you, but when it did, it also, at the same time, by and through Trump the person, introduced a memecoin. That memecoin stood capitalized at \$3.5 billion.

Well, this is \$14.5 billion at its peak. It was \$3.5 billion later. At its peak, it was \$14.5. "Today, it has fallen to \$1.78 billion." To repeat, so as to allow people to completely understand, initially it was capitalized at \$3.5 billion. It then made an upward move to \$14.5 billion. This was at its peak. Today, this is following February 9, it fell to \$1.78 billion.

Why is this important? Why is it important for me to call this article to your attention? It is because there is something called pump and dump, pump and dump. This is where clever people will create something such as a memecoin, and they will instantly start to put money into it, but they use famous people.

In using these famous people, this name identification in and of itself brings credibility to the product that they are placing in the market. That credibility causes the product to move rapidly in its value. It goes up. As it goes up, the people who are pumping it, they then find reason at some point to take out their profits. They take out their profits.

They pump it, and then they dump it, meaning they get rid of the product. They no longer want it. When they dump it at its zenith, they take out great profits. They make not only millions, but billions. They remove the profits.

Let me read on: The indication is there was "a large-scale pump-and-dump scheme involving at least 15 cryptocurrencies, including \$MELANIA."

That is the currency of the President's wife, whom I have great respect for, by the way. I really do. I have met her and found her to be a very pleasant lady, but I have observed her from afar, and I have great respect for her.

"The complaint alleged that First Lady Melania Trump was used as a