

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Sushaan, Jackson, Avaneesh, and Grishma for their dedication to responsible information sharing and powerful use of technology.

Mr. Speaker, the next time someone sees a video and says: Is this real? Be confident that smart kids from north-east Florida are helping us find the truth.

CELEBRATING COVENANT DAY

(Ms. KING-HINDS of the Northern Mariana Islands was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KING-HINDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 50th anniversary of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the United States of America.

I do so thinking about the generations before me. My grandmother's generation, a generation that came through war and hardship, lived in a time when survival, not opportunity, was the priority. They experienced conflict, uncertainty, and change in ways that shaped how they understood the world around them.

They did not grow up debating policy, yet they were raised to deal with the consequences of it. From that experience, they made a clear decision about what kind of future they wanted.

Fifty years ago, the people of the Northern Marianas chose that future. On March 24, 1976, the Covenant became law following years of negotiation between our leaders and the United States. Those negotiations were deliberate and sustained, resulting in a political union that reflected the will of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Nearly 79 percent of our people said yes. They chose to join the United States because they believed in its system of government, in its institutions, and in the opportunities that relationship could provide. That decision placed the Northern Mariana Islands within the broader American story.

As this country approaches 250 years, we reflect on its founding as well. That history has continued to develop as new lands, communities, and people have chosen to join and contribute to it.

The Covenant is part of that history. It established a relationship unlike any other. The Northern Mariana Islands remain the only U.S. territory to enter into this kind of voluntary, negotiated political union with the United States. It reflects a union grounded in mutual consent and a shared commitment between the Northern Marianas and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, for 50 years, our people have carried that commitment forward. Our people serve in the United States Armed Forces at one of the highest rates in the Nation. They contribute through public service. They live and work in a region that remains central to the future of this country.

This anniversary also invites us to look at where things stand today. The purpose of that union was to create a future where people in the Northern Marianas could build stable lives with access to opportunity, security, and economic growth. Back home, any honest assessment shows that outcome is not yet fully realized.

Our people chose to be a part of this country and the vast seas of opportunity it represents because it stood for freedom and the ability to determine their own future. Federal policy has too often stood in the way of that goal, limiting growth and holding back the very progress that choice was meant to achieve.

Our people continue to face real challenges. The economy is still recovering. Families are making the decision to leave in droves. Conditions on the ground do not always reflect what people expect from life in the United States, and Federal policy does not always respond to those realities but instead work as barriers.

Honoring the Covenant requires continuing the work set in motion 50 years ago. Our people made a choice to become part of this country. Today, Congress has a choice as well: to show what American ideals actually look like in practice and what is possible when people are given the room to build, grow, and reach for opportunity no matter where they live.

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It means strengthening the ability of the Northern Mariana Islands to build a stable economy, sustain our islands, and give families a real opportunity to remain at home and build their lives.

That was the intent behind the decision made by our people, and it remains the work in front of us as we mark 50 years as Americans.

On this day, I look back to the strength of my grandmother's generation and to the leaders who forged this union. I recognize and express my appreciation to the negotiators of the Covenant, including Pedro A. Tenorio and Vicente T. Camacho who remain with us today and to all those who continue to carry forward the vision that they set in motion.

"I salute you beautiful Northern Marianas"; "Mit beses yan Mas. Hu Saluda hao. Gatbo na Islas Marianas." Thank you. May God bless the United States of America, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and this union we commemorate today.

RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF PACIFIC DAILY NEWS

(Mr. MOYLAN of Guam was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable milestone, the 75th anniversary of Pacific Daily News, known across Guam for generations as simply PDN.

Since its founding in 1950, PDN has chronicled the life of our community,

documenting our triumphs, our trials, and everyday moments that define who we are. From Guam's postwar rebuilding to the growth of our civilian government, from typhoons and crises to celebrations and milestones, PDN has remained a constant and trusted source of information.

It has ensured that Guam is not invisible. It has carried local voices to far corners of the world and connected our island to the broader community. For many beyond our shores, PDN has been their first window into life on our island.

Behind every headline are dedicated reporters, photographers, editors, and staff who work under tight deadlines and challenging conditions to serve the public.

Seventy-five years is a measure of trust earned, credibility built, and service rendered.

I congratulate Pacific Daily News on this milestone and thank them for their enduring service to Guam. "Long live"; "Biba," PDN.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EMELIO UY

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Emelio Uy, a man whose contributions to Guam will be remembered for generations.

Emelio was more than just a respected businessman. He was a community builder, a mentor, and a quiet force for good whose generosity touched families, organizations, and entire communities across our island. His leadership was never about titles. It was about people, about lifting others up, and about stepping forward whenever there was a need.

Through his work with the Ayuda Foundation, the Lions Club, the Red Cross, and many other civic efforts, he showed us what it means to serve with humility and heart. He was also a pillar of Guam's Filipino-American community, strengthening cultural pride and supporting generations of leaders who credit him for guiding and encouraging them.

Emelio leaves behind a legacy of compassion, generosity, and unwavering commitment to the people of Guam. To his family, we extend our deepest condolences and our gratitude for sharing him with all of us.

May we remember Emelio Uy not only for what he accomplished but how he lived—with kindness, integrity, and profound love for his community. May his memory continue to guide and inspire us.

RECOGNIZING FORMER GOVERNOR CARL GUTIERREZ

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez as an extraordinary son of Guam, who has been awarded one of Japan's highest imperial honors: the Order of the Rising Sun. This distinction, rarely given and never lightly, honors individuals whose lives reflect exceptional service and commitment to international friendship.

Governor Gutierrez earned this recognition through decades of work

strengthening the relationship between Guam and Japan—efforts rooted not only in policy but in humanity and compassion. During his tenure from 1995 to 2003, he helped deepen economic cultural ties that support thousands of families and reinforce Guam's role as a bridge between the United States and the Asian-Pacific region.

We recognize former Governor Gutierrez for his lifetime of service, for strengthening the bonds between the people of Guam and Japan, and for reminding us that leadership at best is defined by humanity.

The greatest honor of all is not a medal but the enduring friendship between nations and the lives impacted along the way. I thank Governor Gutierrez.

HIGHLIGHTING A VISIT TO MBI DIRECT MAIL + DIGITAL

(Mr. FINE of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to highlight a recent visit in my district where I had the privilege of touring MBI Direct Mail + Digital, a commercial printing facility in DeLand, Florida.

During my visit, I saw firsthand how hardworking people who show up every day and take pride in doing things the right way make Florida small businesses reach new heights every day.

Companies like this invest in their employees. I met people who had worked there who measured their time in decades, not simply in years.

I appreciate the assistance of PRINTING United Alliance in helping coordinate the visit and for their continued advocacy on behalf of America's printing and graphic communications workforce.

These are the kinds of businesses that form the backbone of our economy, creating good jobs, supporting families, and strengthening our communities. They represent the best of American enterprise: innovation, grit, and a commitment to serving their customers and neighbors alike.

It was particularly entertaining for me because a long time ago back when I worked in the private sector, I worked with companies like this every day using the mailbox to change how people made their purchasing decisions.

I am proud to represent businesses like MBI and will continue working to ensure all small businesses across Florida have the opportunity to grow and succeed.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS MUST BE SAFE AND SECURE

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, in the last election, the American people overwhelmingly elected President Trump and gave him and the Republican Party a mandate to Make America Great Again.

Core to that mandate was a promise to restore confidence in the security of our elections—to guarantee that only Americans vote in them.

This is a promise that virtually every American agrees with. Mr. Speaker, 81 percent of all Americans, the overwhelming majority of Democrats, Independents, Republicans; Black, White, Hispanic; men, and women; college educated, not college educated; everyone overwhelmingly agrees with this simple premise.

But this has become much more important in recent years. During the Biden Presidency, the border was thrown open, and millions, some believe tens of millions, of foreigners streamed into our country uncontrolled.

But worse, that administration and allies at the State and local level shoved millions of drivers' licenses and Social Security numbers into the hands of these illegal immigrants. They created the means and the opportunity for our elections to be stolen.

My friend and colleague CHIP ROY introduced the SAVE America Act that would fulfill a promise that we made to prevent foreigners from voting in our elections.

I and my Republican colleagues in this room have voted several times for this piece of legislation and passed it out of our Chamber.

The House agrees. Our elections must be safe and secure, where only Americans determine the leadership of this country.

If you don't think this is an issue, just last week in Florida in a local city election, someone won the election of mayor of one of our largest cities by only one vote.

It is critical that we have confidence in every single one of those votes, but unfortunately, as of now, the Senate does not agree with us. They have not been willing to state that only Americans should vote in American elections.

This legislation has been stalled, infuriating the American people. It stalled because the Senate refuses to use the talking filibuster to give the American people what they want.

Just yesterday, I toured the National Archives, and I was shown a document—I didn't ask to see it; it happened to be a document that they showed me—from when the Civil Rights Act was passed in the 1960s. Debate went on month after month after month in order to get it passed before they could bring that to a vote. Why did the Senate in the sixties, why were they willing to do that? They were willing to do that because making sure that every American who had the right to vote was able to do so.

Well, now we are faced with a similar challenge: making sure that only Americans can vote. If it takes months to make that happen in the same way it took months to make sure that Americans could vote, then that is what must be done.

To make that point clear, I and 24 of my distinguished colleagues signed a letter a week ago to Leader THUNE that said we will vote "no" on all Senate

legislation, save what is necessary to get the government reopened, until the SAVE America Act is passed.

I was encouraged to see debate for the SAVE America Act finally begin. The Senate should debate it for as long as it takes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, week after week after week until they figure out how to get the SAVE America Act to the President's desk.

Until that happens, I and, I presume, the other 23 who signed that letter alongside me will continue to vote against Senate legislation here on the House floor.

Let's do the work of the American people. Let's get the SAVE America Act to the President's desk.

HONORING DOROTHY LINSON

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary citizen from Florida's Space Coast, Dorothy Linson, affectionately known in our community as Ms. Dot. She is actually joining us here today on this very special day. I had the pleasure of meeting with her earlier today and sharing her experiences in the Sunshine State.

She came here at the age of 19 from the State of Alabama with her four kids to make a new start. Today we celebrate that success in helping others in our community.

Ms. Dot has dedicated her life to one simple powerful mission. No child in her community should ever grow hungry. Through the years of tireless service, compassion, and leadership, she has worked to provide meals, support families, and ensure children have the nourishment they need each and every day to learn, grow, and succeed.

Because of her tireless lifelong commitment to serve others, Ms. Dot earned the 2026 Citizen Honors Award Service Honoree by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Each year the award is personally selected by living Medal of Honor recipients, our American heroes. They recognize the courage, character, and dedication of our Nation's finest just like Ms. Dot.

Ms. Dot's work reminds us that service is not limited to grand stages or national headlines. Often the most powerful acts of service and leadership come from our neighbors helping our neighbors.

Florida's Space Coast is proud of Dorothy Linson, an American leader and community champion. I recognize her for this well-earned award.

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HONORING ALEC HALL OF ALLIANCE CYBER

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding veteran, entrepreneur, and leader from Florida's Space Coast, Alec Hall.

Alec is the president of Alliance Cyber, a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business based in Cocoa, Florida, right in Brevard County.