

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 97.

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote today due to an urgent commitment in my Congressional district. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 97.

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for the vote series today, as I was dealing with the immediate aftermath of the Kona Low Storms, the most severe floods in more than 20 years, which caused extensive damage, displacement, and evacuations across the State of Hawai'i. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 97.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING SORFFLY DAVIUS

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Major Sorffly Davius, a true American hero who passed away following a medical episode while deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Epic Fury.

For those of us in Rockland County, Major Davius wasn't just a name in uniform. He was part of our community. He was a neighbor, a friend, someone people knew and respected.

Here at home, he wore a different uniform with the same sense of purpose, serving with the NYPD 79th Precinct, protecting his fellow New Yorkers with honor and integrity. That kind of commitment, to serve both country and community is rare, and it speaks to the kind of man he was.

He served our Nation with distinction in the United States Army National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division, rising to the rank of major through years of dedication and leadership. He answered the call to serve overseas without hesitation, putting duty to the country above all else.

But what stands out most is who he was beyond the uniform: a devoted husband, a loving father of six, the kind of man who showed up for his family, who led by example, and who understood that service starts at home.

As we remember Major Davius, let us keep his wife, Angeline; his children; his family; and his brothers and sisters in uniform in our prayers. Let us honor his legacy not just in words but by living with the same sense of duty and courage and selflessness that he showed every single day.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), the ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today, and every day since his passing, we mourn the loss of a true public servant, an NYPD officer, a major in the United States Army National Guard, Sorffly Davius, an American hero who dedicated his life to serving people at home and abroad.

Before moving to Rockland, he was a Queens native, served New York City with honor as a member of the NYPD while also answering the call to serve our Nation overseas with the Army National Guard.

He was a devoted husband, a father, a man whose life reflected extraordinary commitment to his family and his country.

His sacrifice reminds us of the quiet strength of those who serve not for themselves but out of duty and love for the American people.

As we grieve his profound loss, we stand with his family, his fellow servicemembers in uniform, and all those who were touched by his life.

May we take this moment of silence not only to honor his legacy but to dedicate ourselves to the values he lived by: service, integrity, and unwavering commitment to the United States of America.

May God bless his soul.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Rockland County and the 17th Congressional District and on behalf of the people of New York City and Queens and the NYPD, please honor Major Sorffly Davius with a moment of silence.

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#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Agriculture Day. This is a time to honor the hard work of American farmers and all those who contribute to our country's agricultural industry.

Agriculture is a fundamental part of our daily lives. I have always said that every American interacts with agriculture at least three times a day simply by eating breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

To be a farmer is to deal with a set of risks and variables that many Americans never have to consider. Through conflicts, natural disasters, and pandemics, farmers have stood steadfast in their commitment to provide for Americans.

It is more important than ever to ensure that our farmers, ranchers, and foresters have their voices heard in the Halls of Congress. That is why it is my honor to represent farm families and rural America as the chairman of the Agriculture Committee.

Mr. Speaker, National Agriculture Day is the perfect opportunity to highlight the dedicated Americans who work tirelessly to provide for our Nation. I sincerely thank every farmer, rancher, and forester for their hard work and selflessness.

#### RECOGNIZING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on National Agriculture Day, I proudly recognize our hardworking eastern North Carolina farmers.

The First Congressional District leads in tobacco, America's first major cash crop, and sweet potato production, with farm families playing a central role in shaping our economy, heritage, and growth.

We must also acknowledge the economic hardships they continue to face. With almost 15,000 farms shutting down this past year, trade instability and rising costs are putting the American Dream further out of reach. Keeping farm families at the forefront is essential, as their work sustains our rural communities.

I am committed to advocating on their behalf, helping maintain and expand key export markets, supporting fair trade policies, and ensuring farmers have the resources needed to compete and succeed globally for generations to come.

#### CONGRATULATING MARK PEPPER ON HIS RETIREMENT

(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 Mark Pepper on his retirement from the Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems after 20 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Pepper joined the association in 2006, 4 years after his return to the Cowboy State. Mr. Pepper then spent the next two decades helping Wyoming's communities to navigate many challenges inherent in providing water to rural areas: drought, distance, overregulation, and funding demands.

Wyoming is unique, being the ninth largest State in terms of landmass, while also being the least populated. To say that we are a rural state is an understatement, with 92 percent of our water systems serving communities of 500 or fewer people.

Mark not only has a deep understanding of the challenges associated with rural water delivery, but he also has the skills to work effectively to find solutions to meet them. He has been a relentless advocate for our rural water users, constantly seeking the resources needed to expand infrastructure and maintain existing systems.

We appreciate Mr. Pepper's service and wish him well in retirement. He will be missed.

#### RECOGNIZING YOUNG ISRAEL OF SCARSDALE

(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, I rise to recognize Young Israel of Scarsdale, the dynamic, modern orthodox synagogue that draws congregants from New Rochelle and Scarsdale, reflecting an active community of faith and service.

It is led by spiritual leader Senior Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern, with his past service as a teacher and administrator at Westchester Day School. He holds degrees in economics and counseling as well as religious ordination. He is ably assisted by Associate Rabbi Nuriel Klinger.

The synagogue's lay leadership team is exemplary, as well: Board Chair Melissa Schwechter, President Ari Weinberger, Executive Vice President Daniel Essner, and a team of volunteer board members, including Sisterhood Co-Presidents Lauren Ganz and Micole Weitzman.

YIS has an energetic schedule of Shabbat worship services, prayer groups, Torah study, education and activities for youth and teens, and a social gathering that links the congregants—notably on April 26, the 54th anniversary gala event celebrating the founding of the shul.

From the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, I salute Young Israel of Scarsdale for their 54 years of faith and commitment to their community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CAPTAIN SETH KOVAL

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

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Captain Seth Koval.

Captain Koval was a devoted husband and father who tragically lost his life in the line of duty in an aircraft collision over Iraq. He proudly served our Nation as a member of the Ohio National Guard's 121st Air Refueling Wing in Columbus.

For 19 years, Captain Koval answered the call to serve the only way he knew how: taking to the skies with courage, dedication, and valor. His service reflects the very best of our Armed Forces, and his loss is deeply felt across Ohio and our entire Nation. We are forever grateful for his bravery, his sacrifice, and his commitment to protecting our freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in keeping his family, his fellow servicemembers, and all who knew and loved him in their prayers.

May God welcome him home, and may he rest in eternal peace.

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#### AIRPORT CHAOS

(Ms. DEXTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, people just want their time in airports to be uneventful. They want to get through security, get to their gate, get to their home and their families, or onto their travels without chaos, delays, or confusion.

The White House is making that impossible. Rather than working with Democrats to fund TSA, Trump is sending ICE agents into our country's airports. ICE agents are not trained in aviation security or customer service. They are not able to help TSA agents, who have been working without pay for 47 percent of this fiscal year. ICE agents create fear, confusion, and certainly more chaos in our airports.

There is a better way. Republicans should focus on sending paychecks, not ICE, to our airports, and let Americans get where they are going safely and uneventfully.

Stay loud.

#### HONORING HOWARD THOMAS YOUNG

(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 honor the life and legacy of World War II veteran, Howard Thomas Young, who peacefully passed away March 9, 2026, at the age of 101.

Mr. Young was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in 1925, being the youngest of four boys.

After graduating from high school at just 17 years old, Howard bravely enlisted in the United States Navy at the height of the Second World War. He was deployed in the South Pacific under 5-star Admiral Chester Nimitz and heroically fought for our country against the perils of fascism.

After the war, Mr. Young received a college education and began working for Owens-Illinois. After 35 years, Mr. Young decided to retire in Savannah, Georgia, where he worked tirelessly in volunteer services for our community, becoming an active member of many charitable organizations.

Howard Young was a dedicated patriot who served with unwavering courage and commitment. We thank him for his service to our country and to our community.

#### CONGRATULATING SOPHIA ANGELICA

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

Mrs. McIVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sophia Angelica for her work in empowering children through music, acting, and writing.

Sophia, a singer and songwriter from Argentina, uses her talents to advocate for human rights across the globe. She

works closely with the United Nations and has traveled internationally to help combat bullying and discrimination.

Not only does she travel across the United States for her performances, but she also performed at the sixth Asia-Pacific Human Rights Summit in Taiwan.

By combining her vocal talents with her passion for activism, Sophia is making a remarkable impact on children across the world.

On behalf of New Jersey's 10th Congressional District, I congratulate Sophia for her impactful global advocacy. I hope she keeps doing what she is doing.

#### GEORGIAN DREAM PARTY COLLABORATES WITH IRAN

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, friends of freedom are saddened by the anti-American Georgian Dream party support for the terrorist regime in Iran. A recent report by the Hudson Institute, "Georgia's Iranian Turn," outlines Georgian Dream support for Tehran, attacking President Donald Trump.

The Georgian Dream puppet prime minister of Tbilisi traveled to Iran twice in 2024, standing with leaders of Hamas and Hezbollah. In 2025, the Georgian Dream party expressed sympathy for the Iranian terrorists killed in U.S.-Israel airstrikes. Most recently, on March 2, the Georgian Dream party expressed condolences on the death of the Iranian supreme mass murderer Khamenei.

The people of Georgia deserve fair and free elections, not the rigged elections by war criminal Putin, making his Mafia collaborators in charge. The legitimate President is Salome Zourabichvili of the Republic of Georgia.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, with massive Russian drone attacks today on Ukrainian apartment buildings to kill civilians.

#### HONORING GEORGE ADAMS

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Anaheim's very own George Adams for his remarkable career that transformed the recycling industry in the United States.

After inheriting his dad's modest scrap metal facility, George grew it into the largest metal recycling company in the United States. He has created 4,000 jobs and processes over 5 million tons of recycled material each year.