

What makes George such a great businessman? He is a human, and he cares.

Before he was big, I remember he had the place that you would go to sell your recyclables, with the best price on metal. Not only that, I remember taco Fridays. You come to sell your metal at George's place, and you got free tacos, all you could eat.

I have got to tell you, he is a man with a heart and a man with business acumen. I congratulate George Adams. I say, keep up the good work. He is saving the Earth while he is doing it. He is doing a great job keeping our environment clean.

#### HONORING LONNIE THOMPSON ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of my friend, Lonnie Thompson, of Florence, South Carolina, on his retirement after 45 years of service to SOPAKCO.

While SOPAKCO might not seem like a household brand, this incredible company has played a critical role in supporting our men and women in uniform, dating back to World War II. They have become an institution in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina and a leading provider of MREs to the Department of War.

Lonnie is a proven leader in our community and in the shelf-stable food industry. He helped FEMA develop a civilian version of the MRE, which has been utilized for disaster relief purposes for more than a decade. Earlier this year, he was named as one of the most influential leaders of the Pee Dee.

Prior to joining SOPAKCO, Lonnie proudly served in the U.S. Army and National Guard for 17 years, where he honed his leadership and organizational skills as a tank commander.

Lonnie has two children, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and was married to the love of his life, the late Dorothy "Dot" Thompson, for 49 years.

I am grateful for Lonnie's service to our community, State, and country, and for his unwavering support of our men and women in uniform. I wish him well in his retirement.

#### HONORING ROALD ZVONIK

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

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of a hero, Roald Zvonik, a proud American, for 99 years of life.

At 17, he stepped up to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. When he came home, he never stopped serving our Nation. He would meet with anybody to share a story, and he always had a knack for making people

happy. Every time we met, he made me feel like I had purpose.

One of the greatest joys of my life was helping him receive the victory medals that he spent almost his entire life waiting for. I will never forget pinning them on his lapel and the emotion that we felt in the moment. That testament has inspired other veterans to reach out. My team gets to work, and we find more Medals of Honor, deserved honor.

The truth is, we are almost out of living World War II veterans, heroes. Please, take time to listen to them and to care for them because when that happens, you may hear the same words that I heard when Roald told me: I am one lucky dude.

May his legacy never be forgotten. I will never forget Mr. Roald Zvonik.

#### NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight that March is designated as National Kidney Month to focus on kidney disease awareness.

As a family doctor, I know firsthand how debilitating this disease can be, especially for those needing to go on dialysis while facing the agonizing wait for a kidney transplant.

One of the leading causes of death in the United States, an estimated 35 million American adults are living with chronic kidney disease, including 76,000 in my home State of Utah.

Early stage kidney disease can be hard to detect due to the lack of symptoms, which is why as many as 9 out of 10 adults are unaware they even have it. Many Americans are at high risk of chronic kidney disease due to factors such as diabetes, high blood pressure, or heart disease.

The good news is there are ways we can manage the risk factors. I am very grateful for the Trump administration's focus on making America healthy again because with proper nutrition, hydration, and physical activity, we can push back the rising tide of Americans with chronic conditions like kidney disease.

Together, we can raise awareness, encourage regular screenings for early detection, and increase nutrition education for both doctors and patients.

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#### SAVE THE DUNES

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to celebrate Women's History Month and recognize the extraordinary women of Save the Dunes, which is one of northwest Indiana's most enduring conservation organizations.

In 1952, a group of women committed to preserving the Indiana dunes within the protective boundaries of a national park founded Save the Dunes.

What began as a living room conversation at Dorothy Buell's Ogden Dunes home grew into a flourishing grassroots movement.

Their advocacy led to the creation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, now appropriately named "The Indiana Dunes National Park."

Today, over 70 years later, Save the Dunes remains a critically effective advocacy organization, which is a testament to the women who selflessly lead it every day to improve northwest Indiana for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Women's History Month, please join me in recognizing the inspirational and vibrant women of Save the Dunes.

#### STATE OF DOMESTIC OIL, DIESEL, AND GAS

(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 tonight and every day for the families of northwest Ohio and across our country being squeezed due to President Trump's reckless, illegal decisions.

Today, the average price of gasoline across our Buckeye State of Ohio was \$3.82; nationwide, \$3.97, up more than a dollar a gallon in the span of a month.

Diesel, the life blood of our supply system, is surging to nearly \$5 a gallon, increasing transportation costs and driving up the cost of everything: food, manufacturing, and fertilizer across our heartland.

When the price of oil rises, families everywhere feel it. The cost of gasoline, diesel, and home heating is a daily burden on working families, farmers, truckers, and small businesses trying to keep their operations open.

The undeclared Trump illegal war on Iran makes the condition exponentially worse. When global conflict collides with fragile energy supply chains, prices surge.

In Ohio, we refine, move, and deliver energy, but I will tell you, this is actually such a terrible tax on the American people causing the debt to go up.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve a President who abides by the U.S. Constitution.

#### WASHINGTON, D.C. CORRUPTION IS OUT OF CONTROL

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, however bad you think the corruption is in Washington, I promise you it is worse.

At the Department of Homeland Security, Corey Lewandowski allegedly demanded that companies pay him a fee in exchange for taxpayer contracts

and Tom Homan was caught on tape accepting \$50,000 of cash in a paper bag from undercover FBI agents. The President himself has made billions selling cryptocurrencies since he took office. We don't even know who he sold it to.

Meta, X, and Paramount gave \$63 million to the President's library fund, which was then dissolved. Where did that money go? It disappeared.

Meanwhile, Members of Congress can trade stocks of companies that we vote to regulate and can go to online prediction markets to bet on whether bills that we wrote are going to pass or not.

If you want to know why big corporations are given a free pass by Washington to jack up prices and gouge people, this is why. If you want to know why the oil and gas companies make billions while people can't heat their homes or why the cost of food and healthcare is out of control, it is because of the corruption.

Mr. Speaker, enough is enough. We need to crack down on this.

#### FULLY FUND TSA

(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 to ask my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to vote to fully fund TSA.

Across our country right now, we are seeing long lines at airports because they are understaffed because TSA workers are not being paid. Look at Houston, which is home to Bush Intercontinental Airport right here in my district. I was just up there yesterday talking to folks who were in line waiting to be screened for 3 hours, 4 hours, sometimes 5 hours before they saw a single machine and were able to make it onto their flight.

We know exactly why we are here, because the President is working to tether ICE funding to TSA funding.

I was proud to join my colleagues to provide for a clean funding bill that would fully fund the Coast Guard, fully fund FEMA, and fully fund TSA. Right now what we need in this country is commonsense governance. That means ensuring that our TSA workers are paid for the work that they are doing so that nobody is having to stand in line 4 hours just to get on a flight.

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Ms. MCCLELLAN of Virginia was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject matter of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KENNEDY of Utah). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, it is Women's History Month.

For centuries, Black women have led our country through social evolutions, critical periods of growth, and eras of innovation.

From the civil rights movement to consistently serving as the foundation for our community success, Black women continue to push the needle.

Women's History Month offers us the opportunity to uplift these monumental achievements and highlight every pivotal moment in history in which Black women have tipped the scales toward progress and singlehandedly moved our country forward.

For the past year, the actions of the Trump administration have brought consequences to every vulnerable community but have specifically attacked the foundation of Black women's economic success and social impact.

Hundreds of thousands of Black women have lost their jobs under President Trump's leadership, and the administration remains committed to eliminating critical programs that build a strong foundation and a pathway to economic opportunities for Black women across the Nation.

During a time when Black women are under attack, the Congressional Black Caucus takes the floor tonight so that our Members can lift them up.

As we commemorate Women's History Month and look back on the achievements of Black women throughout the history of our Nation, I think back to the roots of our Nation, the birthplace of American democracy and American slavery, none other than my home, Virginia.

Established on July 30, 1619, Virginia boasts the oldest, continuous law-making body in the Western Hemisphere, the first legislative assembly in the New World, the Virginia General Assembly.

One month later, a Dutch privateer arrived on the shores of Virginia with "20 and odd" Africans captured by Portuguese slavers in west-central Africa that were traded for provisions. Among them, there was at least one woman that we know of.

Three months after that, Virginia took steps toward a permanent colony with the recruitment of English women to Jamestown to make wives to the inhabitants. Those women arrived with no right to vote, no right to hold public office, and no right to control their own property.

Since 1619, Black women in America have sat at the intersection of racism and sexism. Tonight, we will uplift their stories, how we did overcome, but we still have a long way to go to truly be equal under the law, to truly take part in the American Dream.

Tonight, you will hear our Members talk about the good, the bad, the ugly, the inspiring, and much, much more.

Mr. Speaker, to start that conversation, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. CLARKE), our chair.

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Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Virginia for anchoring this evening's Congressional Black Caucus Special Order hour and for her diligence and commitment to sending the message of the CBC throughout this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Black Women & Girls to recognize Women's History Month and the countless contributions women have made to our Nation and to the world.

These 31 days offer a vital opportunity to honor women of every background for their achievements, which have too often been overlooked, celebrating the progress and rights secured by those who have paved the way.

Even as we celebrate, we must confront a difficult truth: many of the same barriers that our mothers and grandmothers fought to dismantle unfortunately persist today. Disparities in access to capital, education, opportunity, and power remain far too wide.

We cannot ignore the growing efforts to roll back hard-won rights. We cannot yield to forces that would usher in a future where the next generation of women has fewer freedoms than those who came before them.

This is not an exaggeration or hyperbole. Policies that undermine diversity, equity, and inclusion already having real consequences, including the displacement of over 300,000 Black women from the workforce on the basis of DEI dog whistles.

Let's be clear. These are not statistics. These are our mothers, daughters, entrepreneurs, and essential workers whose contributions are being shoved aside and whitewashed.

We know when Black women thrive, our communities thrive, our Nation thrives.

Women's History Month must also be a call to action and a moment to speak plainly about the threats to women's voting rights, bodily autonomy, and economic opportunities to support their families.

Mr. Speaker, we are not going back. We owe it to those who came before us and those who will follow to stand firm in defense of that progress.

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentlewoman from New Jersey, Representative LAMONICA MCIVER.

Mrs. MCIVER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the fine gentlewoman of Virginia (Ms. MCCLELLAN) for anchoring tonight's Special Order hour to celebrate Women's History Month and to celebrate and speak truth tonight. I am glad to be standing here during Women's History Month right after Black History Month to celebrate specifically Black women.