

including tens of thousands of Dela-wareans, the ACA has meant the difference between getting care and going without.

The ACA had an ambitious but necessary goal: ensuring more Americans have access to the healthcare they need to live and thrive in our country.

Because of the ACA, more than 50 million Americans have gained health coverage. People with preexisting conditions have been protected from losing their insurance, and Medicaid expansion has helped families get the care they need.

When people have access to care, lives are saved, families are more stable, and communities are stronger.

But since its passage, the one through line of every Republican Congress has been their concerted and coordinated effort to sabotage the ACA and strip people of their healthcare.

Since this current Congress convened last January, the ACA tax credits have expired, and the majority passed the single largest cut to Medicaid in American history. They eviscerated the American healthcare system, gutting coverage and financial support that makes it possible for families to get care. They raided the healthcare of the American people to fund this President's mass deportation machine and to give massive tax breaks to his billionaire donors.

The consequence is a tax on working people, a tax on our most vulnerable neighbors.

When you force working families to pay more out of pocket for basic healthcare, that is a tax. It is a tax on getting sick and a tax on staying alive.

Families across the country have already started losing coverage, and millions more are facing skyrocketing premiums that are unsustainable.

Government should be working to make life easier for the people we serve, not making healthcare harder for them to afford.

The right to lifesaving care is a foundational right, one that makes all other rights possible. Americans will never truly be free until every single one of us can get the healthcare that we need.

So, on this anniversary, we shouldn't just celebrate the ideals of the ACA of 16 years ago, but we should also recommit ourselves to ensuring that the promise of quality, affordable healthcare becomes a reality for today's family.

RECOGNIZING NATHAN MARTIN

(Mr. WALBERG of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nathan Martin, a dedicated cross-country coach and substitute teacher at Jackson High School, who has earned national recognition by winning the 41st Los Angeles Marathon.

Nathan's story is one of grit, heart, and perseverance.

During the race he told himself: I can't give up. It was a simple but powerful motto that carried him to pass the international leader and cross the finish line as the champion in the final seconds of the race.

However, Nathan's impact extends far beyond his own personal achievement. As a coach and substitute teacher, he inspires young runners and students, teaching them the values of discipline, resilience, and believing in themselves.

His victory is a win for the entire Jackson community and for every student he has encouraged along the way.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nathan on his remarkable and historic accomplishment.

FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

(Ms. BROWN of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, more and more I am troubled by a simple question: Will Donald Trump be the last President ever elected by a free and fair election?

That certainly seems to be the plan. In 2024, Donald Trump said: Get out and vote, just this time. You won't have to do it again.

In 2023, he said that he would be a dictator on day one.

In 2021, after he lost, he tried to overturn the election, which led to people attacking this Chamber where we stand right now.

When Donald Trump talks about elections, he does not hide what he wants. He keeps talking about taking over elections, and his number one legislative priority is the SAVE Act. The only one thing that this bill is designed to save is Donald Trump's political future.

This bill would create a paperwork nightmare for millions of Americans. The SAVE Act requires documents that millions of citizens do not have in order to vote.

That is right. Even the new REAL ID drivers' licenses we all had to get don't meet the standard. Even military IDs wouldn't count. You will need a passport, which costs you about \$160 and takes weeks to receive, or your birth certificate.

Mr. Speaker, did you know that half of the country does not have a passport, and millions more don't have access to their birth certificate?

Then there are married women who might have changed the name on their documents, and so now they don't match because they changed their name.

The SAVE Act also ends online and by-mail voter registration. Good luck registering to vote if you have a job, have a family, or live far from your county seat or board of elections.

Add it all up, and millions of American citizens will lose their right to vote.

This bill is designed to give the Stephen Millers of the world every oppor-

tunity they can to find or kick people off voting rolls.

If Congress passes the SAVE Act, it will be the first time since Jim Crow that our legislature has acted to make our democracy smaller, not larger.

Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump is many things, but a mystery he is not, nor is what he is trying to do.

FUNDING CHOICES

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, we have seen this movie before. In 2003, it was tax cuts for the wealthy and a war we were told would be quick and necessary. Trillions of dollars later, the American people were left holding the bill, and here we go again.

Did you know demand for private jets is booming after President Trump gave tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans last year? Now, the President wants \$200 billion more to fund an unauthorized and unacceptable war in Iran, a war that is already jacking up costs from the gas pump to the grocery store. That is \$200 billion, \$200 billion.

Again, let's talk choices. Let's talk priorities.

We were told there is no money for healthcare, so Republicans gutted Medicaid and refused to extend Affordable Care Act tax credits.

We were told there was no money to help people to put food on their table, so Republicans passed their big, ugly law cutting \$186 billion from nutrition programs.

We were told there was no money for education, so they cut student loan programs, and at the same time they delivered more tax breaks at the top while everyone else falls further behind.

For war, for the wealthy, suddenly there is always money. There are billions for conflict. There are billions for ICE. There are billions for billionaires. We were told there was no money to help families afford groceries, to educate our kids, or to lower healthcare costs.

These are the choices being made: higher costs for you, bigger checks for war, and more tax breaks at the top.

I ask my colleagues on the other side of the aisle: This isn't really about priorities or scarcity, is it? It is about actually your priorities, and right now the priorities are upside down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). Members are again reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING THE OIL CITY DERRICK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Oil City Derrick, which published the final print edition of The Derrick and The News-Herald on March 20.

The Derrick opened at 1871 under its prior name of the Daily Derrick by C.E. Bishop & Company. The publication covered the latest stories in Oil City.

When Edwin Drake struck oil in western Pennsylvania, The Derrick quickly became a national news outlet, and it was best known for its coverage of oil prices.

The newspaper was a key source of information for journalists like Ida Tarbell, who reported the oil wars of the 1870s.

Patrick C. Boyle, a prominent figure in the oil industry, bought The Derrick in 1885. Patrick helped to establish other newspapers, including the Bradford Era and the Oil and Gas Journal.

The newspaper was owned by the Boyle family for four generations. Patrick Boyle passed away in 1920, and ownership of the newspaper was passed on to his son, Edward Boyle, who served as a publisher until his death in 1938.

For more than 100 years, the Boyle family was influential in the newspaper's success. From Patrick Boyle's purchase of the outlet in 1885, the family's stewardship ensured that for 154 years The Derrick never once missed a day of publication—an incredible accomplishment.

The pages of The Derrick served as the record for the region's history. Major events included President Ulysses S. Grant's visit to the area and the Great Fire and Flood of 1892.

The Derrick didn't just witness change. It lived through it. Through every win and loss of the oil boom to the dawn of the industrial revolution to the emergence of the digital age, this newspaper adapted and prevailed.

The Derrick stood as a constant for 154 years, capturing the evolution of our community and the very way that we share the news.

Mr. Speaker, it is never easy when we see our local institutions close, especially those that have played such an important role in our communities like The Derrick has for more than a century.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the staff who have worked diligently over the years to deliver the news to the people of Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District.

For 154 years, The Derrick has been there, and we are all grateful for that.

BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPION

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, March indeed has been maddening for eastern North Carolina.

We have had exciting basketball and incredible powerhouse teams who have brought back the State championship title to eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, Kinston High School clinched its 12th 3A State basketball championship with a dominant 80-54 victory over Walkertown.

MVP Jamarion Washington and Keyshawn Herring, who each scored an impressive 21 points, propelled the team to victory.

A heartfelt congratulations to Coach Tyndall and the entire team for their remarkable performance.

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RECOGNIZING GOLDSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Goldsboro High School Cougars won the 3A girls' title with a 54-46 victory over East Surry.

MVP Aziyah Boyer shone brightly with 11 rebounds, carrying on her grandmother's legacy.

Kudos to the team, Coach Bryant, and to all the amazing coaches and the community for this outstanding win.

CONGRATULATING NORTHERN NASH HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, what a super exciting game.

The Northern Nash High School Knights came out on top, claiming the 2026 North Carolina High School Athletic Association Class 6A boys' basketball State championship in a heart-pounding overtime thriller.

They edged Kings Mountain with a nail-biting score of 61-60, and we are incredibly proud to congratulate Coach Drake, the Knights, and such dedicated fans, who were there to bring home this honor for the first time since 1968.

WILSON PREP MAKES HISTORY

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Wilson Prep has made history. The talented and dynamic Tiger girls' basketball team won the 1A State championship. It was their first-ever State title, as they beat Robbinsville 58-44.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH WARD AND THE TIGERS.

To all of our athletes: Thank you for making eastern North Carolina so proud and representing our communities on and off the court with excellence.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST PLAN FOR EMERGENCIES

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize bipartisan legislation that I have introduced called the Fiscal Contingency Preparedness Act, which has garnered widespread support from Members on both sides of the Chamber. Just this week, the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus endorsed the bill.

At its core, this bill reflects a simple principle: Just as American families plan ahead for emergencies, the Federal Government must do the same.

Whether facing a natural disaster, an economic crisis, or a national security threat, Washington must understand its financial readiness to respond effectively.

For too long, the Federal Government has failed to seriously assess its ability to weather major national emergencies. Families across Virginia save for unexpected expenses and prepare for uncertainty. It is only reasonable that the government entrusted with safeguarding the Nation apply the

same level of responsibility and foresight.

This bill would require the Federal Government to conduct regular stress tests and publicly report on its capacity to respond to major emergency situations, ensuring transparency and sound decisionmaking during times of crisis.

Preparedness should never be a partisan issue. By identifying risks ahead of time, we can strengthen our response and protect taxpayers from avoidable failures during moments of national urgency.

Mr. Speaker, the Fiscal Contingency Preparedness Act is about responsibility and readiness. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan effort and take a meaningful step toward ensuring that our government is prepared to meet tomorrow's challenges.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MILDRED SCOTT

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great lady, Mildred Scott, a dear friend and a remarkable Virginian whose dedication to her community, her church, and civic life left a lasting impact across the Roanoke Valley and Virginia's Sixth Congressional District.

Mildred passed away on March 6 of this year at the age of 97, remaining as witty and spirited at the end of her life as she was throughout her nearly 100 years.

Originally from Roanoke, Mildred graduated from Jefferson High School and studied finance at Roanoke College. Mildred built a successful career in banking before continuing her service in the Roanoke County Treasurer's Office and later with the town of Vinton.

For more than four decades, she was devoted to her church family at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, raising funds for missions through cooking and catering. Known across the region for her exceptional baking, she created countless cakes for weddings and community gatherings at the Vinton War Memorial.

Mildred also devoted well over 30 years to the Roanoke Valley Republican Women's Club, serving as president, vice president, and treasurer, and helping organize numerous Sixth District Republican galas and Roanoke County shrimpfests and baking those wonderful cakes for them.

Mildred Scott will be remembered as a pillar of her community whose generosity, work ethic, and joyful spirit touched countless lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING JORDYN MILLER

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary young athlete whose grit, discipline, and determination exemplify the very best of our next generation.

Mr. Speaker, 15-year-old Jordyn Miller of Clarke County recently captured the 2025 NASCAR Youth Series Heavy Honda Dirt National Championship,