

facing record-high grocery costs due to President Trump's tariffs and the doubling and tripling of health insurance premiums because of the failure to extend ACA premium tax credits.

Granite Staters are taking it on the chin, and it is time to get something done to help.

That is why I introduced the Gas Prices Relief Act of 2026 with Senator MARK KELLY of Arizona to suspend the Federal gas tax through September and provide Americans with lower costs at the pump.

This bill maintains funding for our roads and bridges and holds the oil and gas companies accountable if they fail to pass along the savings to consumers.

These soaring prices mean that every school drop-off, every trip to the doctor or drive to work takes a bigger bite out of a family's budget.

I urge Congress to take up this legislation and provide Americans with the lower costs they deserve.

SKYROCKETING PRICE OF FERTILIZER AND DIESEL

(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, in northwest Ohio and across our Heartland, farmers are hurting. After 2 years of record drought, a year of reckless Trump tariffs, their export markets are drying up abroad.

Now comes the war in Iran.

One-third of the world's fertilizer supplies pass through the Strait of Hormuz. Its cost just rose.

Mr. Speaker, 25 percent of the world's oil supply passes through this narrow channel off the Iranian coast. Much like oil, fertilizer is traded on a global market, and a disruption on either side of the globe impacts Ohio farmers, producers, and growers.

This comes at the worst time as planting season is upon us. Our agriculture sector is teetering on the brink. Hello. Family farms hang in the balance. For many, this is a make-or-break year.

On top of skyrocketing fertilizer costs, the national average for diesel just hit a record \$5.37 per gallon.

If costs don't stabilize soon, the Heartland is in for a reckoning. We don't want one. We don't want one. Is the White House—hello, are you paying attention?

CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

(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 Jada Haines as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champion of the Week.

Jada grew up on the west side of Akron, and as a student-athlete, she began her basketball journey with Ladies First Akron.

She then went on to a successful career at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and continued playing at the University of Northwestern Ohio and the University of Indianapolis.

Through it all, she credits Ladies First Akron with helping instill in her the love for the game.

Today, she has returned home to coach with Ladies First Akron, mentoring the next generation of young women student-athletes. She recently helped organize the organization's first Life After Sports Summit, connecting students with local universities for project-based learning opportunities.

Now in its 16th year, Ladies First Akron serves girls in grades three through eight across the greater Akron area. It is not just about basketball, it is about mentorship, life skills, and preparing young women for success beyond the court.

Jada's leadership reflects the spirit of our community and is a shining example of why our community is known as the birthplace of champions.

Jada is not only a champion in her own right, but she is helping train the next generation.

Again, I thank Jada for giving back to our community and commend her on being named Champion of the Week.

VOTER SUPPRESSION

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

Ms. TLAIB. No matter how Republicans try to spin it, the SAVE Act is voter suppression. This isn't about election security, Mr. Speaker. It is about election takeover.

President Trump and Republicans know that their policies are deeply unpopular with the American people.

So what are they doing? They are trying to rig the elections. They want to force Americans to produce a passport or birth certificate just to register to vote.

They know full well that only about half of Americans have a passport. They know it costs money. They know it takes time. That is the point.

They want to make it harder for many of our neighbors to be able to vote. Nearly 70 million married women do not have a birth certificate matching their legal name.

This bill is a direct attack on our right to vote, and Republicans don't want people like us voting. It would also increase purges of registered voters who literally are getting kicked off of these lists who are legally allowed to vote, and we must stop it.

RECOGNIZING MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

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

Ms. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Mem-

bers may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KNOTT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Ms. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleagues for joining me on this Special Order.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF).

HONORING STEVE STAMSON

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Utah for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of a really good friend, Steve Stamson, who was a devoted public servant and a veteran whose record left a lasting mark on Shelby County in west Tennessee.

Steve passed away just a few weeks ago on March 11 surrounded by his family in Florida.

Steve Stamson was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and he lived a life grounded in faith and commitment to others.

Steve served in the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam. He was a rifleman. Steve's time in uniform shaped his character in lasting ways and informed how he approached the rest of his life.

I do want to note that during his military service, Steve received the Meritorious Mast, recognizing performance and leadership that went above and beyond. This distinction reflected the character and the standard that he held himself to each and every day.

When he came home, Steve continued to serve his community. He worked for International Harvester before starting a long and distinguished career in Shelby County government.

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He served in the Shelby County Court Clerk's Office. He served in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office and in the General Sessions Court Clerk's Office. In 2002, the people of Shelby County elected him to be the juvenile court clerk, to which he was reelected in 2006, and he served until 2010.

I think about Steve's time in public service, and if you had a dictionary, Mr. Speaker, and looked up the term "public servant," there would be a photo of Steve Stamson right there in the dictionary. He went and did whatever he could for anybody, and it didn't matter who they were or what side of town they lived on.

I will note that Steve's career in public service did not end after his time as juvenile court clerk.

Following his retirement, if you will, Mr. Speaker, Steve was appointed as an election commissioner for Shelby County, and he served as chairman of the Shelby County Election Commission.

On all sides of the aisle, Steve was widely respected for his dedication to election integrity and the responsibility that comes with the right to vote.

Steve also gave his time to civic and community organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Scottish Rites, and the Al Chymia Shriners. He was active in his political life in the local and State Republican Party.

I want to note that Steve took on roles that carried significant responsibility, and he always led with a steady hand. I think about Steve, that he made time for others and was always willing to step up when it was needed.

This morning, I talked to our mutual friend, Joy Touliatos. Joy Touliatos succeeded Steve as the juvenile court clerk of Shelby County. She was a longtime friend of Steve and his wife, Debbie, who was also a longtime public servant in Shelby County. When I asked Joy her thoughts about Steve, I wrote them down word for word. She said: "If you knew Steve, you knew his door was always open; his handshake was sincere; and his word actually meant something."

Beyond his work, Steve was absolutely devoted to his family. I have a photo of Steve and his wife, Debbie. They shared 45 years of marriage, and Debbie was his equal partner and his best friend. Steve was a proud father to Chris and to Clay, and I know he was a proud grandfather to Keelie and to Hunter.

Mr. Speaker, I do want to say that Roberta and I are deeply saddened by Steve's passing, but we are thinking about Debbie. We remember all the good times, how full of life and how much Steve gave to everybody he cared about and to the entire Memphis and Shelby County community.

Steve's warmth and his generosity will be greatly missed.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for his remarks. I appreciate his friendship and working on all of our issues on the committee together.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Medal of Honor Day and the American heroes who have earned our highest military decoration.

Over 40 million Americans have served in the U.S. Armed Forces since the Civil War, but fewer than 4,000 have been awarded the Medal of Honor. This award not only commemorates the bravery of those who earned it but also honors their humanity, patriotism, and sacrifice for the United States and her people.

Although each Medal of Honor recipient earns their medal through different acts of heroism, they all have one thing in common: They never sought heroism, yet they embodied it through their risk, sacrifice, and actions to protect others.

I would like to honor a few recipients from my home State of Utah.

Petty Officer George Edward Wahlen was awarded the Medal of Honor on October 5, 1945. Despite being repeatedly wounded during the battle of Iwo Jima, Petty Officer Wahlen refused evacuation and continued risking his life to rescue and treat comrades under intense enemy fire.

Private Jose Valdez was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1946. Private Valdez held his ground against overwhelming German forces, engaging enemies at close range and singlehandedly covering his patrol's retreat under intense fire, facing more than 200 enemy soldiers.

Lieutenant Brian Miles Thacker, whom we are lucky to still have with us today, was awarded the Medal of Honor on October 15, 1973. During a fierce assault at a fire base in the Vietnam war, Lieutenant Thacker directed airstrikes and artillery from a dangerously exposed position for hours, organized the withdrawal, and remained behind alone to provide covering fire. Although wounded and unable to escape from the area himself, he successfully eluded the enemy forces for 8 days until friendly forces regained control of the fire base.

I think President Harry S. Truman put it best: "We do not go to war for gain or for territory; we go to war for principles, and we produce young men like these. . . . I would rather have that medal . . . than to be President of the United States."

One of the first initiatives I worked on when I came to Congress 6 years ago was to authorize a National Medal of Honor Monument here in Washington, D.C. That bill passed Congress and was signed into law in December 2021.

The next and final step is to pass the Hershel "Woody" Williams National Medal of Honor Monument Location Act to authorize the monument's permanent place on The National Mall. This bill was one of the first bills that passed the House in the 119th Congress, and it passed by a vote of 414-0.

I am grateful to my friend from Texas (Mr. VEASEY) for working on both of these bills with me.

It is time for the Senate to do their job and join the House in coming together in a bipartisan way to provide these heroes and these heroes' families with the monument on our National Mall that they have earned.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Senator JUSTICE for his tireless work to move this bill through the Senate process, and I urge the Senate to come together on National Medal of Honor Day, pass the Hershel "Woody" Williams National Medal of Honor Monument Location Act, and move it one step closer to the President's desk.

Mr. Speaker, I thank America's Medal of Honor recipients for their patriotism and for setting an example, and I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRED W. SHAVER, JR.

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized for 30 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of legendary coach and lifelong educator Brigadier General Fred Wil-

liams Shaver, who passed away on February 24, 2026, at 91.

Fred was born in Garden City, Alabama, where he later attended the University of North Alabama. For 7 years, he served as head football coach at Southeast Bulloch High School, where they coined his lifelong nickname as Coach Shaver.

As coach, he led the Bulloch Yellow Jackets to consecutive Georgia State titles in 1972 and 1973. Coach Shaver later transitioned to the Bulloch County Board of Education, where he became assistant superintendent, spending a total of 35 years with the Georgia school systems.

Outside of school, he served 34 years in the Georgia National Guard as a field artillery officer, obtaining the rank of brigadier general.

While his professional success was immense, Coach Shaver was most known for his caring spirit, leadership, guidance, and sense of humor.

His remarkable character will make his memory unforgettable.

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HONORING AGNES WEST

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Agnes Marie Patrick West, who peacefully passed away at the age of 89.

Mrs. West was a woman of deep faith, kindness, and strength. She was born in Dooly, Georgia, and later moved to Savannah, where she attended Commercial High School and built a life centered on family and community.

For over 60 years, she was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Temple, where she taught Sunday school and formed lasting friendships. Her church was an important part of her life, and she touched many people through her service and devotion.

Mrs. West was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She shared 73 years of marriage with her husband, Pat West.

Mrs. West leaves behind a strong and loving family, and a legacy of faith, compassion, and dedication. Her impact on the Savannah community will not be forgotten. We honor her life and the example she set for others.

HONORING FREDDIE POWELL SIMS' LEGACY OF SERVICE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of service that Freddie Powell Sims has left during her time representing Georgia's 12th District.

Senator Sims announced on Monday that she is resigning. Elected in 2008, she has served in the State legislature on various committees, including leadership roles on the Education and Youth Committee and the Interstate Cooperation Committee.

Before her time under the gold dome, she was a lifelong educator, retiring as a middle-school principal. It was during this time that she married her husband, Norman Sims, who she cites as the reason for her resignation, as he is very ill.