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Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember the six men who lost their lives and to commend the first responders whose courage prevented even greater tragedy when the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed exactly 2 years ago.

I grew up in the shadow of that bridge. Our entire community still feels the profound loss of our cathedral in the sky.

Thanks to the efforts of Team Maryland and partnerships at the Federal, State, and local levels, the shipping channel has been cleared, the Port of Baltimore is again thriving, and funding for a new bridge is established law. However, we must keep going.

The Key Bridge's absence is still deeply felt every day. Rebuilding it as quickly as possible is an American priority, and we must do everything we can to make it happen.

Today, as we remember the souls lost and the heroism of that day, let us also recommit ourselves to the Key Bridge project with the speed, focus, and resolve this moment demands.

HONORING MICHAEL TENNANT

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my good friend, Michael Tennant.

For the last 14 years, Mike has served as chairman of the Sun Lakes Republican Club, an active East Valley community in my district. He is a true patriot.

Mike was born on November 25, 1949, in Orion, Illinois. He had a long career with International Harvester in Illinois and Wisconsin, but ultimately settled with his lovely wife, Sandy, in the great State of Arizona.

Mike's life wasn't without its challenges. While living in Wisconsin, he courageously battled leukemia and survived, thanks to a lifesaving bone marrow transplant from his brother.

Since retiring to Sun Lakes, Mike has dedicated his time to serving his community. He is well known as a grassroots activist for the conservative cause. I am also happy to see a smiling face at grassroots meetings, rallies with the President, get-out-the-vote efforts, and more.

I am truly grateful to Mike for following his call to service and to Sandy for supporting him. As Mike steps down as chairman after 14 years of dedicated leadership, I am honored to celebrate him here today and to call him a friend.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JERRY HODGES, JR.

(Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day to honor the extraordinary life and service of one of these brave aviators, Jerry Hodges, Jr.

At a time when our Nation was thrust into World War II and in the thick of Jim Crow, Jerry stepped up to serve his country, joining the first group of Black military pilots in the U.S. Armed Forces.

His commitment to challenging the status quo while supporting our Nation did not end with the war.

After graduating from the University of Southern California, he helped lead one of the first African-American-owned insurance companies in California.

His legacy of excellence, courage, and unwavering devotion to justice and equity has paved the way for generations of African Americans in uniform and beyond.

That is why I am proud to introduce legislation to rename a Post Office in my district in his honor. As we pass by the future Jerry T. Hodges Post Office, may we be reminded to carry forward his legacy and strive to be change-makers in our own communities.

CRACKDOWN ON WASTE, ABUSE, AND FRAUD

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as Republicans in Congress and the Trump administration take decisive action to crack down on waste, abuse, and fraud.

According to Secretary Bessent, 10 percent of the Federal budget is lost to fraud each year, and according to Dr. Oz and CMS, perhaps as much as 20 percent is scammed there.

As chairman of the Committee on Financial Services' Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, our work uncovered how poor agency management, outdated IT systems, and officials perhaps looking the other way allowed criminals to exploit Federal programs under the Biden administration. Extensive fraud in Minneapolis and L.A. are glaring examples.

We are coordinating with HUD Secretary Scott Turner as we correct years of mismanagement at public housing agencies.

At our recent field hearing in Little Rock with Chairman FRENCH HILL, we heard testimony showing that serious fraud was ignored by the prior administration for years.

The President's Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, chaired by Vice President VANCE, is a critical step towards restoring accountability. I plan to work with the task force to protect taxpayers and work to drain the swamp.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EDNA JEAN HAMLER

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

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Ms. Edna Jean Hamler from the village of Hempstead in honor of her 84th birthday.

Growing up in Alabama during the horrid Jim Crow era, Edna's life is one of a remarkable, brave journey. She took part and met pivotal members of the civil rights movement while facing the daily injustice of racial segregation.

In the 1960s, Edna made the courageous decision to leave her home and find opportunity in the village of Hempstead, where she raised her six incredible children. She taught them the values of respect, integrity, and a deep commitment to education while attending Hempstead Public Schools.

Her life has been marked by fortitude, cultivated by confronting segregation and seeking a better future for her family.

It is a privilege to represent and recognize Edna today. She represents the strength of a generation that endured profound injustice and helped shape the diverse and vibrant Hempstead community through her quiet determination.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Edna a wonderful 84th birthday.

RUSSIA'S ABDUCTION AND INDOCTRINATION OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the 35,000 children in Ukraine that Putin and others have stolen during this unprovoked and brutal war.

Shockingly, our government just made things worse as it relates to these children. Last week, Trump waived sanctions on Russian oil companies, including two Russian oil companies that, based on recent reporting, have directly funded and facilitated the abduction and indoctrination of Ukrainian children.

Lifting the sanctions will do little to nothing to ease gas prices but will significantly benefit these two Russian oil companies. These companies are helping to steal children, and Trump just helped them out. They will make billions of dollars.

In the coming days, we will work to rally Congress to compel Trump to reverse these sanctions. Every single person responsible for stealing Ukrainian children must be held accountable.

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RECOGNIZING WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Washington University women's track and field team who just captured the 2026 NCAA Division III Indoor National Championship. This team found a way to turn individual effort into a collective title. You don't do that without character, and you don't do that without each other.

With the WashU women's soccer team winning back-to-back national titles a few months ago and now their women's track and field team, these ladies are making St. Louis title town.

Especially during Women's History Month, St. Louis is so proud of these young women. They define student-athlete and do both at the highest level.

When we talk about what makes St. Louis a great city, this is a big part of that answer. Champions live here. Champions are developed here.

I congratulate the athletes, the coaching staff, and the entire WashU family on this remarkable achievement.

MILITARY WOMEN

(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, since getting into office, Donald Trump and Pete Hegseth have actively tried to undermine the brave women who answer the call to service and joined the United States military.

When Pete Hegseth took office, six women, leaders at the highest levels of our Armed Forces, were forced out of their positions. They were not minor roles. These women were generals, captains, admirals, and commandants who earned their rank through decades of service and sacrifice, yet they were removed because Pete Hegseth couldn't accept women holding the same authority and responsibility as their male counterparts.

Additionally, executive orders were put into place to change standards such as physical evaluations, harassment reporting, and equal employment regulations.

At a time when military enrollment is at an all-time low, Trump and Hegseth are doing everything in their power to make it even harder for half of our population to serve and protect the country they love.

We salute and praise the women who show their love of country by serving in the United States military.

BUCKS COUNTY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the graduates from the Bucks County Opportunity Council's Economic Self-Sufficiency Program.

Since 1997, this program has helped families in our community build brighter, more stable futures through education and a path to lasting economic independence.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize this year's graduates: Thais Defalco, Haussine Guengous, Kelsi Klinger, Amanda Leary, Haleigh Olie-Muller, Tanya Quiles, Allina Ramirez, Jacklynn Ramsey, Ashley Reukauf, and Katlynn Whiteley.

Mr. Speaker, as Bucks County's leading antipoverty organization, the BCOC has worked tirelessly to reduce poverty and to help our neighbors achieve true self-sufficiency.

I thank the BCOC team for changing lives for the better and for strengthening our community. I congratulate the graduates. We celebrate all that you have achieved and all the many great things to come.

HANDS OFF CUBA

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, like many Americans, I am outraged by what Trump is doing to the Cuban people.

The oil blockade enacted by the Trump administration is cruel and indefensible. Cuba poses no threat to us, yet we are strangling an entire nation with economic warfare.

Families are going without food. Water systems are failing. Hospitals are struggling to stay open.

These tactics are designed to suffocate an island into submission, and its civilians, ordinary Cuban men, women, and children, are paying the price.

Make no mistake, this unconscionable suffering is occurring because Trump is trying to force regime change.

Across our country and around the world, people are standing in solidarity with the Cuban people. They are calling for dignity for humanity, for an end to this harm.

Hands off Cuba. End the blockade now.

HONORING AMY STONE

(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 today to honor recognize and celebrate Ohio Extension Agent Amy Stone for 33 years of extraordinary, vigilant service to the agricultural community of Ohio through the Ohio State University Extension. Northwest Ohio says: Thank you, Amy Stone.

Amy's career has been defined by dedication. She was and always will be willing to assume leadership of the youth, families, and farmers who call Lucas County and northwest Ohio home.

Our freshwater tidal basin is the largest in the Great Lakes, and her job was consequential.

From horticulture and urban forestry to confronting invasive species like the emerald ash borer and spotted lanternfly, Amy dug in. She was always protecting Ohio's natural resources. When that first emerald ash borer infestation was discovered in Ohio, she identified it and changed the course of conservation across our entire region and Ohio.

Her impact goes far. She has taught, mentored, and inspired thousands of students and strengthened both our rural roots and urban canopy.

Amy Stone has elevated northwest Ohio to be sustainable, stronger, more arable, healthier, and greener than she found it.

Bravo to Amy Stone. We love her.

RECOGNIZING MONICA PRIETO

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

Mrs. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pride to recognize a historic moment for my hometown of Tucson and Arizona's Seventh Congressional District: the naming of Monica Prieto as the chief of the Tucson Police Department, the first woman to ever serve in this role over the department's 155-year existence.

Chief Prieto has dedicated more than 25 years to public service, starting in 1999 and rising through the ranks, serving in multiple divisions across the department throughout the community, including most recently as deputy chief.

Having been born and raised in Tucson, including graduating from CD07's own Desert View High School, Chief Prieto knows this community, knows this department, and she understands the people she serves.

This appointment is a testament to her leadership, her commitment, and her trust that she has built throughout the city and with her colleagues over the decades.

I am proud to congratulate Chief Prieto, and I look forward to her leadership as she helps guide Tucson forward. "Congratulations"; "felicidades" to Chief Prieto.

HONORING THEOPHILOS ARON SIMS, SR.

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate, honor, and recognize Dr. T.A. Sims, who we just lost recently. He was the longest serving member of the Fort Worth Independent School District and did an outstanding job and left a lasting impact on the lives of so many students and so many of our residents in Fort Worth.

His dedication to the board lasted for more than 35 years. He was elected in