

forces the cost onto taxpayers for war decisions which were made outside the law.

Mr. Speaker, 228 years ago, James Madison wrote the following: "The Constitution supposes, what the history of all Governments demonstrates, that the Executive is the branch of power most interested in war and most prone to it. It has accordingly with studied care, vested the question of war in the legislature."

On March 5, I joined 211 of my colleagues in voting "yes" on the War Powers Resolution, H. Con. Res. 38. This War Powers Resolution failed by a vote of 212 to 219.

This week, this body has another chance to show the American people that we are listening to them and are aware of the damage caused by this conflict and have an opportunity to rein in the unilateral actions of this President that is dangerously weakening and isolating our country.

Congress cannot wait any longer to act. I implore my colleagues to support this bipartisan resolution when it comes to the floor this week.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS ARDINGER

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Chris Ardinger of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, for his selection as the recipient of the Spirit of Community Award.

The award honors individuals who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to improving the quality of Franklin County life, where Chris serves as the administrator of Antrim Township.

Known for his transparent leadership and reliability, Chris has made significant contributions to enhancing the quality of life in the Cumberland Valley.

Most certainly, Chris Ardinger has devoted his life to professional and volunteer community activities.

A former executive director of the Tuscarora Area Chamber of Congress, Chris was elected to the Tuscarora School District Board of Directors at the age of 19. He served 8 years, including 2 as the board president.

On behalf of the constituents throughout Franklin County and the entire 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Chris Ardinger on this prestigious award, and I thank him for his contributions to our great communities.

HONORING DON BAILEY

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to honor the life and the career of Don Bailey, an educator, an administrator, and football coach, who passed away recently in his hometown of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Forest Hills High School, Coach Bailey dedicated his entire professional life to the school dis-

trict, serving as a teacher, a principal, and an administrator.

As head football coach at Forest Hills, Coach Bailey became a legend over his 45 years. His success includes 375 wins, 11 Laurel Highlands Conference championships, and 10 District 6 championships.

Over the years, Coach Bailey was honored with induction into the Pennsylvania Football Coaches Hall of Fame and the Cambria County Sports Hall of Fame. He was also selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Football Foundation.

As we pause to remember his legacy, we also keep his wife, Diane, and all of his family in our prayers.

Please join me in honoring the life of Coach Don Bailey, who was truly a Cambria County football legend.

HONORING MARK TAYLOR

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor former Saxton Fire Chief Mark Taylor, who stepped down from his position in November, after 40 years of dedicated service.

During the Saxton Volunteer Fire Company's recent annual banquet, Chief Taylor was presented with an award that recognizes his unwavering dedication.

Chief Taylor joined the fire company as a volunteer 50 years ago. He has been described by colleagues as a beacon of leadership to ensure the safety of his entire community.

Chief Taylor's legacy includes mentorship of countless firefighters and a strategic vision that positioned teamwork at its core.

I thank Chief Taylor for his profound impact on municipalities served by the Saxton Volunteer Fire Company and for his vital role in inspiring firefighters throughout his years of service.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD FERTIG, JR.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Richard Fertig, Jr., of Smith Transportation on selection of Professional Driver of the Year.

This award is the profession's highest honor, recognizing safety, leadership, and community impact of professional drivers.

Richard Fertig, Jr., has been driving trucks for Smith Transport for more than 20 years. Since joining Smith Transport, he has accumulated more than 2 million miles driving safely, which is a testament to his commitment to precision, to discipline, and to safety.

As a veteran, Richard's truck is wrapped in a powerful tribute to Vietnam veterans, and it has become a symbol of respect everywhere he drives.

Like many others, Mr. Fertig considers Smith Transport founder, Barry Smith, to be his role model and his mentor.

On behalf of constituents throughout Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, best wishes for continued success, continued safety, and continued achievement.

PRIVATE MEDICAL DATA OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, we need to stop this administration from trying to collect private medical data on Federal employees and their families.

Recently OPM, the Office of Personnel Management, started asking Federal workers and their family members for their detailed monthly health records.

This isn't just trends or summaries. This is things like prescriptions and claims, so all this data has personally identifiable information that paints a clear picture of a person's private life and health.

Why do they want to do this? Well, we are not really sure. One story from OPM is that this is to help provide competitive, quality, affordable health plans. But OPM already has health claims data warehouses, and they haven't really explained how this would actually help with finding a competitive plan. They certainly haven't cited legal authority for why they are entitled to every Federal worker's detailed health information.

We are being asked right now to trust that this will all be secure, but they haven't really outlined how they will keep this information safe, and OPM has a really poor track record. This is the agency that leaked 21 million records in one of the largest Federal data breaches in recent history.

Last year, there were credible reports that DOGE personnel were granting sweeping access to sensitive OPM systems and data.

A Federal judge has temporarily blocked this policy of collecting Federal worker health data because it likely violates the Privacy Act, but we need to permanently stop this policy from moving forward.

Instead of going after Federal workers' personal information, I would ask the OPM to instead focus on processing the backlog of retirement claims, which has surpassed 55,000 cases. In any case, I hope my colleagues will join me in opposing what OPM is doing here.

FOREST SERVICE REORGANIZATION

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the planned reorganization of the Forest Service, which will mean the relocation or closure of dozens of Forest Service offices.

The Forest Service is an agency many of us don't think about, but it does so much important work that impacts our lives every day. They protect national forests, wildlife diversity, and watersheds. They lead the fight against forest fire and promote fire prevention. They research forest health and manage 193 million acres of land.

We already know that these relocations and closures of Forest Service offices will be a disaster, because the first Trump administration relocated

just three offices, which resulted in the largest loss of productivity and staffing in recent history for that agency. That is just three offices. Imagine moving the entire headquarters, which is 260 employees. Those folks, some of whom are my constituents, would have to choose between their jobs or uprooting their lives and their families.

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The administration also wants to close 57 of 77 Forest Service research facilities. This will slow down or end research on wildfire prevention, logging techniques, endangered species research, and climate change response. I could keep going.

This is irresponsible, given the record temperatures we are seeing every year and the once-in-a-lifetime droughts and floods that are happening every few years.

This can't be about reducing waste, fraud, and abuse, or streamlining government, because the move itself would be incredibly costly, and the natural disasters that result from them will be far more costly than maintaining these offices.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this administration to stop these disastrous relocations of the Forest Service.

TAX DAY IS APRIL 15

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize what is shaping up to be one of the most significant tax days in American history and to remind Americans to file on time and take full advantage of the relief available to them this year.

Thanks to the working families tax cuts, millions of Americans are seeking real relief, with average savings of nearly \$4,000 for working- and middle-class families. This law delivers where it matters most: no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, tax relief for seniors, support for small businesses, and new investment accounts to help the next generation get ahead.

It is already making a difference. As a matter of fact, last week, when I was traveling in my district and going into a gas station convenience store, a gentleman was coming out. He looked at me and said: "Thank you very much. I got my refund back. It is bigger than I have ever had. I am a Democrat. I won't vote for you, but I appreciate the refund."

This isn't just about tax policy, though. It is about giving more Americans freedom to pay their bills, save for their future, pay for prescription drugs, and provide for their families.

Tax day is April 15. If you haven't filed yet, now is the time.

STRENGTHENING RURAL HEALTHCARE

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the urgent need to strengthen rural healthcare and expand access to care for communities across Iowa and our Nation.

In too many rural areas, hospitals face workforce shortages, limited resources, and the constant threat of closure, putting patients at risk of losing care close to home. That is why the first-of-its-kind \$50 billion Rural Health Transformation Program is so important—an investment designed to stabilize rural hospitals, expand services, and bring back care to communities that need it most. I fought to include this program in the working families tax cuts because rural Americans deserve access to high-quality care regardless of their ZIP Code.

Iowa is already leading the way as the first State to tap into this program, receiving over \$209 million to support rural hospitals. A supported workforce and modern technology are essential to outcomes and help expand access to care.

As a physician, I know that this is important to essential better health outcomes. That is why I recently convened my third rural healthcare roundtable, bringing together hospitals and our director of Medicaid to ensure this program is implemented in a way that meets the needs of patients and providers, especially in rural areas.

Expanding access to care means stronger communities, better outcomes, and ensuring that no one is left behind simply because of where they live.

CELEBRATING SUCCESSFUL RETURN OF ARTEMIS II

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the successful return of the Artemis II crew on April 10. Commander Reid Wiseman, Mission Specialist Christina Koch, Pilot Victor Glover, and Mission Specialist Jeremy Hansen completed the historic 10-day mission, traveling around the far side of the Moon and farther from Earth than any humans in history.

During their journey, they tested critical systems aboard the *Orion* spacecraft, paving the way for future missions that will return Americans to the lunar surface. Their safe splash-down off the coast of California marks a major milestone in American space exploration.

This mission also highlights the contributions of institutions across our country, including the University of Iowa, whose researchers have played an important role in advancing radiation monitoring and astronaut safety, building on decades of leadership in space science. I am grateful for the dedication of the scientists, engineers, and mission teams who made this achievement possible.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Artemis II crew and NASA on this extraordinary accomplishment. May we continue to lead the world in exploration and innovation. God bless the Artemis II and NASA, and God bless America.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy birthday to a good friend of our family, Rodolfo Maciel.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a very happy birthday to my brother-in-law, Bob Branthoover.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish a happy birthday to my son, Jonathan.

HAITI TPS DISCHARGE PETITION

(Mr. FROST of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the discharge petition to extend temporary protected status for Haiti.

This petition, which I am very proud to be following the leadership of Representative AYANNA PRESSLEY in helping her co-lead this, has secured the 218 signatures needed to force a vote.

Tomorrow's debate is a critical moment. This is about over 350,000 Haitian nationals, our neighbors, who have built their lives here and contribute to our communities every single day.

Haiti is facing a humanitarian crisis. Forcing families to return under these conditions would be dangerous and unjust.

We are seeing bipartisan support emerge in real time as Members from both parties recognize what is at stake. Tomorrow, it is important that we do the right thing, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

Next, we must move forward and pass the discharge petition to extend temporary protected status for Venezuelan nationals, as well.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH DISTRICT HONOREES

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize extraordinary women from central Florida for their work and impact on the community that I proudly represent.

Last month, our office celebrated these women at an in-district event, and I will continue that celebration here today. They are mothers, public leaders, entrepreneurs, changemakers, educators, caregivers, and innovators. They are advocates and champions for communities that are often forgotten. They fight hard, and we see them.

The first is Ericka Gomez-Tejeda, a community organizer for over 33 years in the central Florida area and a fighter for immigrant rights.

Shirley Richardson Bradley is a retired educator of 38 years, a community trailblazer, and a historian.

Roniece Weaver and Fabiola Gaines are the cofounders of Hebni Nutrition and authors of several cookbooks that have revolutionized healthy eating in our underserved communities.

Michelle Sperzel is the CBO of Harbor House of Central Florida, and her work really helps local survivors of domestic violence.

Jamilyn Salonga Bailey is the owner of Kaya and a recipient of Florida's first-ever Michelin Green Star, located in Orlando's Mills 50 district.

Ossyris Bury is a first-generation Panamanian American majoring in aerospace engineering at the University of Central Florida and a researcher and aspiring astronaut who has already