

Their success inspires a future generation of scientists, astronauts, explorers, and engineers across America. President Donald Trump is successful in advancing American dominance in space exploration.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Donald Trump is instituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting and mocking Trump as war criminal Putin facilitates the Chinese Communist Party to provide missiles to Iran to kill Americans through the Black Sea Port of the Republic of Georgia, oppressed by the corrupt, illegitimate regime in Tbilisi.

Our sympathy to Congresswoman NANCY MACE on the death of her father, former Citadel Commandant Emory Mace.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS AT PATRICK HENRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the privilege of helping students and staff at the Patrick Henry Middle School by securing \$500,000 to renovate the school. Actually, Mr. Speaker, this was an effort led by students, which exemplifies civic duty advocacy on behalf of their school and their community.

While there, I was also able to meet students that helped advocate for this project, including the student council copresidents, Doris Espinoza and Thomas Stevens; the student council vice president, Jade Perez; and the other members of the council: Humayra Chowdhury, Victoria Quinonez, Sadie Metz, Chloe Manning, Mujahidul Islam, Alessa Rodriguez, Emma Van-Eiker, Rosalie McCall-Feighery, Abby Maria-Catalino, and Kylie Cruz, great students that through their advocacy brought a renovation to their school.

I want to acknowledge the principal of the school who has done also a tremendous job, but first and foremost, student-led power, showing that they can do it for their school and their community.

I am proud to have helped secure more than \$14 million for my district, and I look forward to helping fund initiatives that will support the needs of New York-13.

HONORING JACK NICKLAUS

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

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true legend, somebody that I am proud to call a friend, as we recognize the 40th anniversary of one of the greatest performances in all of sports, the 1986 Masters.

Jack Nicklaus had been dismissed as past his prime, but he shocked the

world when he mounted the greatest charge that Augusta has ever witnessed. The Golden Bear birdied 9, birdied 10, birdied 11, birdied 13. He eagled 15 with a 4-iron that landed 12 feet from the pin, nearly made a hole-in-one on 16, and birdied 17 to take the lead for the first time of the week. When it was all over, he shot a final round of 65 and won his sixth Masters' title, a record that still stands today.

His 18 major championship wins continue to inspire every amateur golfer, every athlete. Anybody who aspires for greatness, he inspires them. Now, 40 years later, what happened in Augusta, Georgia, on April 14, 1986, it is a testament to what is possible when talent, perseverance, and hard work all converge at the right moment.

I ask everyone to join me in recognizing Jack Nicklaus on that anniversary of his incredible win.

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HONORING PURCHASE COLLEGE

(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, I rise today to honor Purchase College of the State University of New York system, also known as SUNY Purchase.

Purchase College is a top 10 public college nationally recognized for its arts programs and its rigorous programs in the liberal arts and sciences. As the only 4-year public college in Westchester County, SUNY Purchase College delivers a high-quality, affordable education and supports first-generation student success.

Purchase College harbors graduates who thrive on the world stage as actors, musicians, filmmakers, and artists, and they have meaningful careers as psychologists, nonprofit leaders, doctors, scientists, lawyers, researchers, and educators.

This is a testament to the programs available to the students and the resources provided to alumni long after graduation day. They have just announced a special partnership with Rockland Community College.

I am pleased to recognize SUNY Purchase College for the work they do for their students and the wider community.

CONGRATULATING 1991 U.S. WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM

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

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable and often overlooked chapter in American sports. Thirty-five years ago, on April 14, 1991, the U.S. Women's Eagles won the inaugural Women's Rugby World Cup in Cardiff. They did so without the support or recognition that athletes ex-

pect today. They balanced full-time jobs, studies, and families, and paid their own way to compete.

During the tournament, they upset powerhouse New Zealand and beat England 19-6 in the final.

Their legacy is not just a trophy. It is proof that leadership often comes from those willing to challenge the status quo.

Today, women's rugby is one of the fastest growing sports. Across the U.S., women have opportunities to play at the highest levels because of this team's accomplishments.

These women were pioneers, and we owe them our gratitude and continued commitment to the athletes who carry their torch forward.

I am honored that members of the team have joined us in Washington today to celebrate this incredible milestone.

I congratulate the Eagles. America is proud of them.

CALIFORNIA'S 2026 DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate nine schools in my district that have been honored as California's 2026 Distinguished Schools.

Congratulations to the students, teachers, and staff at California School of the Arts-San Gabriel Valley in Duarte; Edgewood High School in West Covina; El Monte High School in El Monte; Hollencrest Middle School in West Covina; Lone Hill Middle School in San Dimas; Mt. SAC Early College Academy at West Covina; Ramona Middle School in La Verne; Sandburg Middle School in Glendora; and South Hills High School in West Covina.

The California Distinguished Schools recognition program honors public schools that go above and beyond to close education gaps, provide exemplary instruction, and innovate education systems to help create better outcomes for our students.

Our students are our future, and I am so proud to see these inspiring schools receive the recognition they deserve.

The students, teachers, and staff at these distinguished schools are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. I congratulate them on this tremendous achievement.

BUXTON COASTAL EROSION

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, homes are falling into the ocean along North Carolina's Outer Banks and in communities like Buxton.

Over 30 homes have collapsed since 2020, and coastal erosion is only getting worse.

Nothing truly captures the scale of this devastation other than witnessing it for yourself firsthand.

The Buxton Civic Association and the local community have been speaking up and standing up for coastal and inland communities across eastern North Carolina because doing nothing is not an option.

I urge Congress to pass H.R. 3161, the Preventing Environmental Hazards Act. We must not continue watching livelihoods get washed away now only to pay the higher price of cleanup later.

CONDEMNING TRUMP'S ATTACKS ON POPE LEO XIV

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

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Catholics and all people of faith who are appalled by President Trump's recent attacks on Pope Leo.

At a moment that demands moral clarity, His Holiness called on the President to remember what the Gospel teaches us: to pray for peace and for the dignity of all people.

How did he respond? With insults, egotism, and images portraying himself as Jesus. It is blasphemous, deranged, and a total desecration of Christ's message. Sadly, we have come to expect these sorts of temper tantrums and outbursts from Donald Trump.

This entire episode, coupled with his threat last week to wipe out an entire civilization, calls into question his mental fitness for office.

His own former White House advisers, military generals, and even his staunchest supporters have called him insane. The Vice President and Cabinet must begin the process of invoking the 25th Amendment to remove the President from office. If they fail to act, this House must immediately begin impeachment proceedings. We must act now before he does any more damage to our Nation and the world.

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

DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(c) OF THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION, TO REMOVE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM HOSTILITIES WITH IRAN

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of April 15, 2026, I call up the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 40) directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of April 15, 2026, the concurrent resolution is considered as read.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 40

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(c)), Congress directs the President to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran, other than those elements of the Armed Forces that may be necessary to defend the United States or an ally or partner of the United States from imminent attack provided that the President complies fully with the requirements of section 5(b) the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(b)) with respect to any such use of the Armed Forces, unless explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or a specific congressional authorization for use of military force against Iran.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The concurrent resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) and gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my War Powers Resolution, and I do so today because the Constitution of the United States actually demands it, and so does the conscience of the House of Representatives.

In my view, Donald Trump—and I think that in most of the world's view—has dragged the American people into a war of choice—fact—launched without congressional authorization.

The President did not discuss or work with any of our allies. There was no coherent strategy. This was an open-ended and undefined military engagement, and that is exactly what the War Powers Resolution was designed to restrain.

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However, we are here today to talk about the authority of Congress, whether you agree with the war or not. It is the authority that lies within Congress.

On February 28, the President launched an attack while negotiations between Iran and the United States

were actively going on. Diplomacy was going on. Iran's foreign minister had stated just days before that a historic agreement was within reach. There was a path forward that did not require a single American servicemember to be put in harm's way. Instead of pursuing diplomacy, the President started this war, costing the American people billions of dollars, losing 13 American lives, and so many other men, women, and children who were not a party and who were civilians.

The President abandoned the diplomatic path, not because diplomacy failed, but because it was never truly given a chance. As a result of the administration's decisions, the new Iranian regime is more hard-line. The Strait of Hormuz, which was previously open, is now closed. The cost of gas for the American people has skyrocketed, and this fragile cease-fire is one threatening civilization tweet away from failing.

What has this war accomplished?

The administration and Donald Trump himself may be declaring victory, but let's look at the contradictory objectives of this administration which were used to justify the war.

First, it was that Iran posed an imminent threat, but no imminent threat was ever demonstrated. Then it was about nuclear weapons, but the administration itself had declared the nuclear program obliterated. Then it was about ballistic missiles. So you see, Mr. Speaker, the goalposts keep moving because there was never a clear objective in the beginning.

Meanwhile, as I have stated, the costs keep going up. American servicemembers have been killed, and thousands of civilians, including hundreds of children, have been killed since the beginning of this war. These are not just statistics. These are human beings, and we have a moral duty to acknowledge that reality.

Then there is the impact on gas pumps and grocery stores. This war has disrupted global travel and trade, halted flights in and out of the Middle East, and led to major shipping reroutes. Leading energy analysts warn it could be a long time before prices go down even after the war ends and that we are looking at elevated energy costs well into the end of 2026.

The 2-week cease-fire is set to expire on April 22, and thus far, neither side has indicated what comes next beyond continued blockage of the Strait of Hormuz. We are standing at the edge of a cliff, and Congress must act before the President pushes us off. Every day we delay, we inch closer to a conflict with no exit ramp.

This resolution does not leave America defenseless. It preserves the President's authority to defend the United States and our allies from imminent attack. Actually, it says, plainly and constitutionally, that one person does not have the power to take this Nation to war alone.