

to address social problems and societal wrongs.

Today, in their 120th year, Beth Emeth continues to strive to build a community rooted in acceptance, respect, peace, kindness, justice, and integrity, moral imperatives that continue to shape their work and the community around them.

I am grateful for their stewardship and leadership in the history of Wilmington, their role as a pillar of the Reform Jewish community in Delaware, and all that they do for their neighbors.

To the Beth Emeth community, I congratulate you on your thriving community of faith and your legacy. May the next century be full of continued community building and loving leadership of the Jewish community in Delaware and beyond.

HONORING REVEREND SNOW PEABODY

(Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Snow Peabody for his continued efforts to give back to the community of Arizona, specifically through his work with Teen Challenge.

Now, Mr. Peabody has been working with Teen Challenge of Arizona since 1971 and has served as the executive State director for 50 years.

Reverend Peabody married his lovely wife, Ladelle, in 1976. They were married for 49 years and have three children: Sunny, Heaven, and Crystal Rain, as well as five grandchildren.

Now, Ladelle went home to be with the Lord at age 70 on March 14, 2025, just last year. Ladelle was a blessing to all that met her and to all that followed her direction as the Teen Challenge of Arizona State Music Director.

Ladelle could be seen at any of the five Arizona Teen Challenge centers singing songs of praise, engaging with everybody there, the men, the women, especially the children at the center, and bringing a joyful smile to each person that she met.

Together, the two led Teen Challenge for half a century, reaching and impacting countless lives. They began Home of Hope, a Teen Challenge center in Casa Grande. Additionally, they began the Springboard Home for Girls in Oro Valley back in 1976.

I was honored to speak at the Teen Challenge banquet last November where Reverend Peabody talked about leaving a seat open at his table because he knows that Ladelle is there, and she wouldn't want to miss it. She was with him at every single dinner and every single banquet, and at that special one, he left a seat open for her.

At that very moment it was clear to everyone in the room how much Teen Challenge means to both of them.

I thank Reverend Snow Peabody for his 55 years of incredible service with

Teen Challenge. May Ladelle's legacy live on forever.

TAX DAY

(Mrs. SYKES of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, last week was tax day. I probably don't have to remind most folks because it is a day that is both loved and lauded depending on who you are. For millions of Americans it is supposed to be a moment of relief, a chance to catch up, get ahead, and breathe a little easier because of the refunds that many expect.

But for far too many families, including my constituents in Ohio's 13th Congressional District, tax day was just another reminder that their money isn't going as far as it should.

While the President and House Republicans promised lower costs and bigger refunds, families are actually seeing grocery bills that are too high; gas prices that stretch their budgets; and rent, healthcare, housing, and everyday essentials that are taking up more and more of their paychecks.

When they finally get that tax refund, they will realize it doesn't go as far as promised, or they didn't get a tax refund at all, and it went nowhere.

That is not by accident.

Republican policies like the One Big Beautiful Bill Act gave massive tax breaks to millionaires, billionaires, and big corporations. The top 0.1 percent are receiving average tax cuts of more than \$300,000. Meanwhile, Americans earning less than \$50,000 a year are seeing their taxes go up.

Add in President Trump's lack of strategy on tariffs, which amounts to a national sales tax, and now families are paying more out of pocket while the wealthiest get a permanent tax break.

But that is not all. The one big, ugly bill also slashed a trillion dollars from Medicaid and cut billions to SNAP, jeopardizing healthcare and food for millions of Americans across the country and tens of thousands of my constituents.

And it is not just about coverage. It is about jobs. Hospitals and healthcare providers are the largest employers in Ohio's 13th District. When you cut funding at that scale you are not just hurting patients, you are threatening jobs, closing services, and weakening our local economy.

Mr. Speaker, we don't need to raise costs on working families to give more tax breaks to the wealthy. My Lowering Your Taxes Act expands the earned income tax credit and the child tax credit so working families can better afford childcare, groceries, housing, and other expenses. It would allow families to claim up to \$3,600 per child, lift them out of poverty, and allow them to decide where their dollars are needed the most, while also expanding tax relief to workers who are often left out.

My No Tax on Overtime for All Workers Act makes a simple promise:

If you work extra hours, you should be able to keep that extra pay because every extra hour on the job is time away from family, time spent working hard. That effort should be rewarded and not taxed, but because of the carelessly thrown together no tax on overtime provisions in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, thousands of members of organized labor, the very people who built and made this country run, are excluded.

I have also worked with my colleagues, Republican and Democrat, through the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus to lower costs, strengthen supply chains, improve trade policy, and protect jobs in Ohio's 13th District, the birthplace of champions.

Trade policy should be strategic, not chaotic, and it should never leave American families paying the price.

I have called for restoring Congress' role in trade decisions because these choices are too important to be made without accountability.

There certainly is a need to ensure that American companies are able to compete with companies and goods from other countries with questionable labor practices, but what is happening with this administration is not the case. It is chaotic. It is expensive, and the national tax on goods costs way too much for the general American public.

At the end of the day, I will never stop advocating for my constituents and for the American public who deserve so much better than this.

We should all ask the question—because at the end of the day this is about who our economy works for—is it working for the families who are doing everything right, working hard, paying their taxes, going to work every day trying to get ahead; or is it working for the powerful and well-connected?

Well, I believe it should be working for the people, for the workers putting in overtime, parents trying to afford childcare, and families choosing between groceries and healthcare.

Working families deserve policies that lower costs and reward hard work and leaders who will fight for them every single day. I am that leader, and, Mr. Speaker, I call upon you and your majority to work alongside me.

GRAND DIVIDE

(Mr. MOORE of Utah was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I was struck by a recent interview that former Senator Ben Sasse gave with Ross Douthat of The New York Times in which he argued that the future grand divide in human society will not be over income, class, or gender, but about how we incorporate technology into our lives.

If artificial intelligence, as many predict, is going to reduce economic scarcity in the long run, Senator Sasse argued that humanity will be left with

an abundance of AI-powered services and task masters.

Some will choose to lean into this abundance. While it might result in greater efficiencies for some, it will also turbocharge the worst parts of how we use technology. Deep fakes, pornography, identity theft, placelessness, and social isolation are already rampant in our society and will only skyrocket in a world of mass-adopted generative AI.

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Others will keep their eyes wide open and adopt technology more carefully, particularly when it comes to their children.

I recently introduced the AI Children's Toy Safety Act, which draws upon industry-led research about the dangers of incorporating AI chatbots in children's toys and mandates an immediate ban on the manufacturing, sale, importation, or distribution of any toy product in the United States made with an AI chatbot.

Nearly every AI service provider, such as OpenAI, Google, Perplexity AI, xAI, and Anthropic, have terms of service that state their products should not be used by unsupervised children under the age of 13. Yet these companies have been more than willing to let their product be licensed by children's toy-makers anyway.

This poses serious data privacy challenges for children and risks locking them into addictive and unpredictable engagement patterns. It also risks exposing them to explicit content given that these chatbots have been trained on data generated by and for adults.

To be clear, I am as eager as any elected Republican to unleash the power of American innovation to win the AI race, cure cancer, and prevent the Chinese Communist Party from setting the standards for AI around the world. However, our approach needs to blend nations' security imperatives with a human-centric ethical framework, a framework that clearly states that more technological abundance is not always the same thing as more flourishing.

That is why I am also looking to introducing a House companion bill to Senator JOSH HAWLEY's GUARD Act, which bans AI companies from developing romantic companion chatbots for minors and mandates that AI companies disclose their nonhuman status to all users to prevent minors from being tricked by artificial displays of empathy or affection.

As commonsense conservatives, we must be honest with Big Tech when their search to improve the bottom line invites serious ethical questions about our children's development.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CARLOS OLIN GODBY

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Carlos Olin Godby.

Many of us here know him as the best IT administrator Capitol Hill has ever known, but much more than that,

he was a husband, father, and friend of those who knew him.

It didn't matter the issue or request. Carlos was there ready to lend a hand at a moment's notice. He was a calm and dependable problem solver, intelligent, and trustworthy. There was never a problem he couldn't fix, and if he wasn't sure right then, we knew he would figure it out. Always before he even told me, he was calling me back with a solution.

Carlos brought a special light into our offices. He didn't just fix our IT problems. He asked how we were doing. He asked about our families, and he showed that he cared personally about those he served professionally.

He spoke often about his wife, Angela, and his daughter, Adele. They were truly his pride and joy.

Carlos enjoyed spending time with friends at Mount Vernon Park, trying to perfect his lawn, listening to all kinds of music, creating delicious dishes with New Mexico green chile, and rooting for the New Mexico State Aggies and the Dallas Cowboys.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones now, especially Angela and Adele. I believe Carlos is watching over them now and is still cheering them on. He is proud of everything they are doing.

Carlos served on the Hill for over 30 years. It is impossible to accurately describe the kind of person he was in just a short speech. I speak on behalf of my staff, myself, and countless others who were fortunate enough to cross paths with him. His impact and generous spirit will outlive him, and we will miss him dearly.

CELEBRATING ERIC WHITE

(Ms. PRESSLEY of Massachusetts was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my district director, Eric White, a scrappy kid from Rozzie, a 23 year old when he first came to work for my city council office. He is a history buff, a voracious reader, a decent hockey player, a proud graduate of our Boston public schools, and a dedicated advocate.

There can be no doubt that Eric's worldview and values were formidably shaped by his upbringing: two loving parents in John and Nina who modeled strong work ethics and even stronger bonds of love for one's family, neighbor, and community.

The stories that Eric's father, John, a union laborer, one of seven children raised by a single mom, I know impacted Eric. That clearly informed the fights that he took on for working families, for workers' rights, for fairness, and for justice. Between his two parents, given his proud Irish and Italian heritage, I know it informed the fights that he took on for immigrants and anyone else in pursuit of the American Dream.

Throughout the years, Eric has been at my side, crafting strategies for

transformative legislation like our liquor license reform efforts to support neighborhood restaurants, transformative investments, stewarding our community project funding, and crafting speeches that spoke to the heart, to the heart of the matter, and to the heart of man.

Eric has been by my side for long car rides, for late-night community meetings, marching in parades, or shoulder to shoulder at a union strike.

During my Boston City Council tenure, Eric worked his way up from neighborhood liaison to policy director to chief of staff. As he closes out this chapter as my district director in my congressional office and looks to new horizons for change and impact, it isn't lost on me that the student of history is today a maker and shaper of history.

Eric's impact on Boston politics, municipal, and Federal policy will endure, but I know his greatest legacy is still being written in the family he has grown and the beautiful life that he is building with his wife, Kelsey, whose nuptials I had the honor of officiating; their son, Cam; daughter, Maize; and one day soon a dog named Teddy, named after President Roosevelt, of course.

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of Eric. I am proud of his contributions. I am proud of his legacy of kindness, compassion, and composure. I am so proud of the man he has become.

John and Nina have raised an exceptional human being. I have not forgotten about Jared. He played a role as a brother, as well.

I know that incredible chapters lie ahead for Eric personally and professionally. His mark on Massachusetts-07 is not deniable, and his impact in my life is indelible.

He has always been there. He has been there as an anchor. He was there when I said good-bye to my mother. He was there when I met my husband. The young man who started as an aide in my office is now a permanent member of my family. Lucky me. Lucky me.

I love Eric "E-Rock" White. I thank him for 13 years of dedicated service and innumerable personal sacrifices. I thank him for everything.

RECOGNIZING OUR INTERNS

(Mr. LATIMER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, as I have recognized the excellent staff members who are working with me in this, my freshman term, may I also recognize and thank the young people, college students and recent college grads, who have labored in the inglorious role of intern doing day-to-day grunt work necessary but often boring. They have given months of their young lives on my behalf, and I am grateful.

They include Pearl Vinard, Emma Balber, Annie O'Connell, Marion Karp, Jacob Niedzielski, Reese Chamberlain, Cheyenne Etemadi, Lauren Flum, and Zachary Couzens.