

life and legacy of my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Paul Bradley “Brad” Brechtelsbauer, who passed away on April 15 after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

I had the distinct privilege of knowing Brad for more than 40 years. We went to college and medical school together and later practiced medicine side by side in eastern North Carolina.

From the very beginning, he was the kind of man you were proud to call a friend. He was steady, humble, and deeply committed to others.

Brad was a gifted physician, accomplished musician of many instruments, and, most of all, a trusted and beloved friend.

For nearly three decades in Greenville, he cared for patients as an ENT doctor, becoming a regional leader in cochlear implantation, giving many the gift of hearing their very first words.

Brad also gave back through teaching and service, shaping future physicians in eastern North Carolina at East Carolina University’s School of Medicine and contributing to the broader medical community with distinction.

Beyond his accomplishments, he will be remembered most for being the great person that he was.

Though he literally towered over other people at 6’9”, he was known as a gentle giant—kind, compassionate, and beloved by his patients, colleagues, and all who knew him.

I recall the phone call when I first spoke with him about his lung cancer diagnosis. Even in the face of a very daunting illness, he showed remarkable courage, compassion, and grace.

Brad spent the last few years of his life on his beloved farm, riding his tractor, tinkering with equipment, and playing in his cherished musical group.

Mr. Speaker, along with many in our medical community, I will miss Brad dearly. May God grant comfort and peace to his family in this difficult time.

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#### INVENTORS HALL OF FAME STEM MIDDLE SCHOOL CHESS TEAM NAMED 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 the National Inventors Hall of Fame STEM Middle School chess team as Ohio’s 13th Congressional District’s champion of the week.

On March 8, the Akron STEM Middle School students brought home both a first place and third place team trophy from the Ohio State Chess Championship, along with several individual awards. Their outstanding performance reflects both their talent and their dedication to excellence.

Under the leadership of Coach Don Glocar, who has been guiding chess

teams for more than two decades, these students have developed not only competitive skills but also discipline and resilience. As Coach Glocar says: The goal is simple: work hard, stay focused, and enjoy the game.

Through hours of practice and competition, these young scholars are sharpening critical thinking skills, learning to anticipate challenges, and building confidence that will serve them well beyond the classroom. Their passion for chess demonstrates that success is not only measured in trophies, but in growth, perseverance, and teamwork.

It is always a pleasure to recognize young people doing remarkable things who help make our district the birthplace of champions.

Achievements like these showcase the strength of our community and the bright future of northeast Ohio. These students’ hard work has certainly made our district proud, and we can’t wait to see what the future holds.

Again, I congratulate the chess students of the National Inventors Hall of Fame STEM Middle School on their accomplishments and for being named champions of the week.

#### HONORING LIFE OF THOMAS “WALKER” LEMAY

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

Mr. BRECHEEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Le Flore County Deputy Thomas “Walker” LeMay, who was shot and killed in the line of duty on Sunday, April 19, 2026.

As we all know: Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. Walker’s sacrifice while upholding his duty to protect the citizens of Le Flore County will be long remembered. My words can’t fully convey our gratitude for the safety and comfort in our homes that these brave police officers provide.

Believing in the Psalms 34 promise that the Lord is near to the brokenhearted, may Deputy LeMay’s family, friends, and colleagues find the peace that surpasses understanding even in the midst of their grief.

#### RESTORE POWER TO THE PEOPLE

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, the American people are angry at the corruption in our politics while food and gas prices go up and the American Dream seems dead. People feel they have no say while the rich and powerful call the shots.

We need an administration to actually stand up to this corrupt power structure.

First, appoint a special prosecutor to investigate and prosecute the Epstein class that abused and raped young girls.

Second, call a Constitutional Convention to overturn Citizens United. This Congress isn’t going to take on tech billionaires or private health insurance. Go to the American people and have two-thirds of the States pass an amendment to overturn Citizens United, ban super-PACs and money in politics.

Third, ban the insider trading on Polymarket, Kalshi, and the stock market, where people have made millions because of this illegal, immoral war in Iran.

Our Founders would be rolling over in their graves. We need to restore power to the people.

#### HONORING POLICE CHIEF KEN ROSKE

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the dedication and public service of Police Chief Ken Roske, who recently retired after nearly four decades with the Pasco Police Department.

Ken has served in multiple roles in the department and always with honor and distinction. For decades, Ken’s fingerprints have been on efforts to ensure officers’ needs are met and the public trust remains strong.

Some examples of his work include leading efforts to make Pasco accredited by both the State-level Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs and the international Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

He was also a driving force behind the department’s adoption of equipping officers with body cameras, and he brought a regional police academy to Pasco, opening opportunity for people to serve who normally would not be able to do so.

I speak on behalf of the entire Pasco community in thanking Ken for his service, and I wish him the best going forward. I am fortunate and honored to be able to call him friend.

#### SALUTING WHITE PLAINS/ GREENBURGH NAACP

(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, let me recognize the outstanding work of the White Plains/Greenburgh branch of the NAACP, led by the energetic Janice Griffith, and powered by women and men in these two communities who have stood up for diversity, equity, and inclusion at a time when these policies are under assault and elimination by this Federal administration.

The branch reaches into the Fairview section of Greenburgh, the urban neighborhoods of White Plains, and well beyond that into rivertown villages and suburban cul-de-sacs. Standing up for affordable housing, better

healthcare, educational resources, and economic growth for Black Americans, the youth, our seniors, and for all of those who are in need, the White Plains/Greenburgh branch of the NAACP has celebrated our past and has pointed us forward to the future.

From the floor of the House of Representatives, we salute the White Plains/Greenburgh branch of the NAACP for their timeless and important tremendous civic contribution.

#### CONGRATULATING CODY AND CRYSTAL MYERS

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cody and Crystal Myers on being named honorees for the Boys & Girls Club's Sixth Annual Awards and Recognition Breakfast this morning.

This annual ceremony in Riverton recognizes distinguished individuals who have demonstrated the best of Wyoming's values with a lending hand to the next generation.

Cody and Crystal have gone above and beyond to deliver service, mentorship, and community leadership to Wyoming youth for more than a decade.

Cody Myers served as a school resource officer for 18 years, wearing multiple hats, coaching, teaching, and shaping our young people into the resilient men and women of tomorrow. Today, Cody continues to serve as campus security director at Central Wyoming College.

Crystal Myers was crowned Miss Rodeo Wyoming in 2007 and went on to carry the torch as national director for the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Association for 11 years. Today, she continues to build the confidence of our young people as a preschool special education paraeducator in Shoshoni.

Cody and Crystal Myers represent the best of Wyoming, and their recognition is well deserved.

#### HONORING DAVE BICKING

(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, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dave Bicking, a south Minneapolis small business owner and a lifelong community activist.

Dave dedicated his life to advancing justice and advocating for meaningful policing reform in Minnesota.

From 2008 to 2010, he served on the City of Minneapolis Civilian Review Authority, where he worked tirelessly to improve police accountability.

He joined Communities United Against Police Brutality, helping the organization reform police training standards through the Minnesota

Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training.

After a fire burned down their facility in 2012, Dave stepped up and bought them a new facility that continues to house multiple activist groups today.

Dave will be remembered for his generosity, commitment to peace and justice, and deep love for his family, friends, and community.

#### HONORING COLONEL FRANK OTT

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

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Colonel Frank Ott, my uncle, who made his final takeoff on February 18, 2022. To me, he was family. To our Nation, he was a hero and a patriot.

From a one-room schoolhouse in North Dakota to the cockpit of America's most advanced aircraft, Colonel Ott lived a life of discipline, courage, and purpose. He earned his wings in 1955 and went on to fly and command missions in the F-86, F-100, B-47, B-52, U-2, and EB-66, amassing over 5,000 flight hours, including hundreds in combat in Vietnam.

His decorations reflect not just achievement, but a willing sacrifice for the Nation he loved. Beyond the uniform, he was a man of quiet strength, kind, humble, and deeply devoted to family. He never sought recognition, only purpose.

Today, we remember not just his service, but his spirit. He was a true patriot, a devoted husband, and a beloved uncle.

May we strive to live with the same integrity and vigor he showed every day. *Semper Fidelis.*

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#### EMOTIONAL DAMAGE DONE BY ICE

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, Amalia, an 18-month-old, was sent to Dilley Detention Facility where she began to fall ill. Her parents waited in the health clinic line eight separate times, begging for little Amalia's life.

It wasn't until Amalia's blood oxygen levels were low enough to kill off part of her tiny brain that ICE took her concerns seriously. Amalia was admitted to the ICU where she was diagnosed with COVID-19, pneumonia, RSV, and was in severe respiratory distress.

As a mother, I know that even just one of these diagnoses can be a death sentence for a toddler, and this story is far from unique.

Children as young as 2 months old are being held at Dilley for more than 40 days, which is double the legal limit, under nightmarish conditions: worm-infested food, unsanitary drinking

water, and mothers being separated from their children, all while being screamed at by agents. In any other setting, we would call this out for what it is: child abuse.

While detained babies sit on lawyers' laps to represent themselves in court, Trump is spending billions of dollars on ICE, which could be used to improve the lives of hardworking families who are just trying to provide stable homes for their children.

Mr. Speaker, Trump can stop this chaos now, but the emotional damage is done. The fear, instability, and trauma these children have experienced will never disappear. It will linger for generations.

#### WELCOMING GREATER SPOKANE, INC.

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

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Greater Spokane, Incorporated, on their annual fly-in to Washington, D.C.

Greater Spokane, Incorporated, is a regional chamber of commerce and a foundational advocate to all businesses across Spokane, serving as a supportive organization that drives job growth throughout our region and promotes public policy opportunities.

Because of the tremendous impact of GSI on our community, the Spokane region can expand business opportunities and promote a better life. It is always wonderful to see GSI every year, and they are most welcome in our Nation's Capital.

Mr. Speaker, to everyone in eastern Washington, please know that I see enough people in this Washington on a daily basis. Everyone is most welcome, and it would be wonderful to host them here, as well.

#### LAKE ERIE'S WESTERN BASIN

(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, this Earth Day season, I rise to represent the heart of the Great Lakes, Lake Erie's Western Basin.

Our Great Lakes region is home to the largest system of fresh surface water on Earth. This gift we hold in trust for future generations to come. These fresh waters are not only our heritage, they are our economy, our health, and our source of life.

Water and energy are closely linked. At a time when energy demand is rising and energy bills are up 13 percent, we must produce clean energy that lowers costs, creates jobs, and protects our air and water.

Northwest Ohio understands stewardship. Through efforts like the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, we have proven that when we steward our environment, especially water and energy, we invest in our people's future.