

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.

Mr. Speaker, this Earth Day season, let us choose a future that is cleaner, more affordable, and more secure.

HONORING FLORENCE KAWOCZKA

(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 honor Florence Kawoczka of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, a leader and a friend, who has devoted her life to helping families build not just houses but lasting foundations.

For more than 14 years as CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County, Florence has helped create stability and open doors to new possibilities for so many families in our region. She has touched their lives forever.

Under her leadership, Habitat Bucks partnered with over 50 homeowners, repaired more than 400 homes, and launched innovative programs that ensure lasting affordability for years to come.

I have had the privilege of seeing those moments when a family steps into their home for the first time, not just receiving keys but beginning a new chapter.

Mr. Speaker, as Florence retires, we thank her for her legacy that has truly strengthened our community.

Congratulations to Florence. We wish her best wishes in this next chapter.

HONORING EMILY DUHOVNY SILVERBERG

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, it is a bittersweet moment as I rise today to honor my deputy chief of staff and legislative director, Emily Duhovny Silverberg.

Born in the Bronx and raised in New Jersey, Emily joined my office in 2012 as an intern and will leave Capitol Hill this week after 14 years on our team.

As my adviser on mental health and addiction policy, she has worked tirelessly to increase Americans' access to behavioral health treatments. She has helped grow the bipartisan Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery Caucus, which I co-chair, to more than 100 members. Among the more than 20 bills Emily has helped pass into law are the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment, or MAT Act, which dramatically expanded treatment for opioid use disorder, bills to reauthorize the national plan to address Alzheimer's, and to establish the first-ever national plan to end Parkinson's.

Emily is here in the gallery today with her family. I thank Emily for her many years of dedicated advocacy and public service.

Mr. Speaker, from her start as an intern, her curiosity led her to involve herself in many, many issue areas. She

filled her heart with passion. She has made a difference, a difference for those that she may never ever meet. For that, I am eternally grateful.

NAHASDA NEEDS TO BE REAUTHORIZED

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

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, as the House and Senate debate over housing legislation, I fear that one community is being left behind. Those are our tribes.

Thirty years ago, Congress passed a landmark Tribal housing law known as NAHASDA, which created the Indian Housing Block Grant program to promote self-determination. Unfortunately, Congress has not updated this law since 2008 and has allowed its authorization to lapse after 2013.

This is simply not acceptable.

HUD Secretary Scott Turner said it best: NAHASDA works and needs to be reauthorized.

I introduced the bipartisan and bicameral Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Modernization Act to eliminate red tape in Indian Country and further incentivize private financing.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation because it is Congress' responsibility to address the housing needs of all Americans.

NO SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR THE EPSTEIN CLASS

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, Ghislaine Maxwell lured countless children into Epstein's global pedophile ring.

She was found guilty of sex trafficking and sentenced in our courts, but the Trump administration moved her to a minimum security facility, a "club fed" facility. Whistleblowers tell us that she is being waited on hand and foot.

Now, Republicans on the Oversight Committee are openly floating the possibility of a pardon for Ghislaine Maxwell. This woman organized the rape of 14-year-old girls. The judge who oversaw the case said the evidence established that "Ms. Maxwell directly and repeatedly and over the course of many years participated in a horrific scheme to entice, transport, and traffic underage girls, some as young as 14 for sexual abuse by and with Jeffrey Epstein."

Obviously, she should not be in a cushy, minimum security prison. She should not be pardoned. There cannot be one system of justice for the powerful and another for everyone else. This administration must end the special treatment for the Epstein class.

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RECOGNIZING TRINE UNIVERSITY'S AI MARITIME MANEUVERING CHALLENGE

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the third annual AI Maritime Maneuvering Challenge, held by Trine University this past weekend in my district.

Trine hosted students from universities across Indiana at Pokagon State Park to test their autonomous, low-profile sea vessels. Students competed against one another through a variety of mission sets, including navigating obstacles, evading detection, and retrieving items.

While competing in the event is an accomplishment on its own, these students are simultaneously helping to secure our homeland. The challenge operates in conjunction with the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, with the goal to develop the talent needed to support the Department of War.

This project is a shining example of how student ingenuity and Hoosier collaboration can lead to real results that benefit our Nation and a great experience for our students.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all the participating students on their accomplishments, and I look forward to seeing the continued success of the AI Maritime Maneuvering program.

RECOGNIZING HALIWA-SAPONI TRIBE

(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, at the heart of northeastern North Carolina, the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe exemplifies a vibrant heritage and traditions that deserve to be celebrated and recognized, as evident at the 61st Blooming of the Dogwood Powwow.

For years, the Haliwa-Saponi have enriched our communities with their history, resilience, and culture. Yet, they still await the Federal recognition that is rightfully theirs. It is time for us to stand firm and stand with the Haliwa-Saponi, as we have stood with the Lumbee Tribe.

Congress must pass H.R. 2929, the Haliwa Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina Act. It is time to prioritize their rightful place in history, not only for today but for the next generation.

RECOGNIZING NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA

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