

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.)

Mr. PATRONIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 200th birthday of Naval Air Station Pensacola, the cradle of naval aviation and the home of the beloved Blue Angels.

For more than two centuries, this installation has stood at the forefront of military innovation. As the Navy's first permanent air station and the birthplace of naval aviation and training, NAS Pensacola transformed into a defining pillar of our national defense.

From its earliest days, training just a handful of aviators and operating only a few aircraft, NAS Pensacola quickly became the proving ground for the future of warfare in the air. It trained the Navy's first aviators. It helped to pioneer carrier aviation techniques. At the outset of World War I, it stood as our Nation's only naval training station.

Through every generation since, NAS Pensacola has continued to shape the course of history, preparing pilots for the challenges and evolving into the premier training hub for Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and allied aviators from around the world.

Today, NAS Pensacola remains one of the Navy's most vital training platforms, supporting more than 23,000 military and civilian personnel and graduating tens of thousands of members each year.

RECOGNIZING FAIR HOUSING MONTH

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

Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Mr. Speaker, every April, we recognize Fair Housing Month in honor of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act, legislation that prohibited discrimination in housing and expanded opportunity here in America.

Yet, nearly 60 years later, the dream of homeownership is slipping away for far too many. As Members of Congress, we must act.

That is why I have introduced legislation to establish, for the first time, a standardized national way to track housing loss. It is why I have introduced bipartisan legislation to help communities convert vacant buildings into affordable housing.

There is much more that we can do, from supporting tax credits for first-time home buyers to expanding access to small-dollar mortgages. There are also things we should undo, like reversing Trump's tariffs on building materials and reinstating inclusionary borrowing programs that have been canceled by this administration.

Every American deserves a safe roof over their head. This Fair Housing Month, let us all recommit to that goal.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KEVIN DAUGHERTY

(Mr. EZELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kevin Daugherty of Vanleave, Mississippi, who passed away on April 8, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Kevin was a devoted husband, father, and man of faith, as well as a dedicated public servant. He served the city of Pascagoula for nearly 20 years as a lieutenant with the fire department and continued his service with Jackson County Fire District, always answering the call to protect his community.

Those who knew Kevin knew a man who loved his family deeply, cherished time with his wife and sons, and never met a stranger.

Whether at the firehouse, on the water, or in the woods, Kevin brought people together and lived a life rooted in faith and service. He was especially proud of his sons, Cole and Logan, and the time they spent together meant everything to him.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and his sons, Cole and Logan. Our prayers are with them during this very difficult time.

Kevin Daugherty represented the very best of south Mississippi: a life of service, strength, and love for others. He will not be forgotten.

Rest in peace, brother.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SENATOR JOHN SEYMOUR

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former California United States Senator and Anaheim Mayor John Seymour.

A proud marine, Mr. Seymour served our great Nation from 1955 to 1959 before returning home to pursue his education at UCLA.

Mr. Seymour began his public service in the 1970s, first as an Anaheim city councilman and later serving as our mayor from 1978 to 1982.

Later, Mr. Seymour continued his service as a United States Senator from 1991 to 1992, where he earned a reputation as a pragmatic leader who was willing to work across the aisle on issues such as education, public health, and responsible governance.

After elected office, Mr. Seymour continued his dedication to public service by advancing opportunities for working American families as a leader of the Southern California Housing Development Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, today, we honor the life and legacy of Senator John Seymour.

Go Bruins.

RECOGNIZING STUART CRAMER

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

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, our Nation is celebrating 250 years since our founding.

During this time, we reflect on the patriots who founded this country, but I also want to recognize those who have kept it strong.

In my district, that story goes back nearly a century. In the early 1900s, Stuart Cramer, a Naval Academy graduate, and his family purchased a small textile mill in North Carolina and built out the town of Cramerton.

By 1929, they developed a lightweight khaki fabric that would go on to clothe millions of American servicemembers throughout World War II and beyond. This placard shows their sign in town.

When World War II broke out and demand surged, the Cramer family could have held on to their patent for profit. Instead, they released it so that factories across the country could produce more uniforms for our troops and help us to win the war.

Mr. Speaker, that is true patriotism. On our Nation's 250th anniversary, let's honor everyday patriots who carry forward the legacy of freedom and pass it on stronger than they found it.

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VICTIMS OF IMMIGRATION ACTIONS

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with more heartbreaking stories about the victims of the Trump administration's violent and immoral immigration actions.

In my visits to Delaney Hall, I have met with fathers, mothers, and even a pastor who pose no threat to the safety of our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I carry with me the story of a constituent who has protected status in this country, but for over a year has been detained in Texas and persistently threatened with efforts to remove her to a third country. Each time ICE failed to do so, until last week, when I found out that, in the dead of night, ICE took her from this country, from her family, and where she is supposed to be protected, to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where if we do not get her back, she will die.

For 15 months, we have seen the Trump administration tear apart our communities, kill American citizens in broad daylight, and inflict unimaginable pain on so many, including our children.

In each unspeakable moment, Republicans have been silent, and they have been complicit in the brutalization of our neighbors. Their silence will never be forgotten. Whatever they choose to do or not to do, they need to know this: House Democrats and the American people will never bend. We will never relent, and we will fight on until we finally end this national nightmare.