

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.

JUSTICE FOR TSA WORKERS

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. GREEN of Texas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. Speaker, and still I rise and still I rise, and I rise today as an unbought, unbossed, and liberated Democrat. I rise today to speak in the name of we, the people, Mr. Speaker, who believe in liberty and justice for all as presented to us and as we pledge in the pledge of allegiance: liberty and justice for all.

I rise in the name of liberty and justice for all, Mr. Speaker, because while there are many people in this country who are not receiving the justice for all, I will focus today on one group of people. I assure you this could go on endlessly if time permitted, but I want to focus on one group of people today because they have been treated unjustly.

I focus on a group of people who are there to protect us, to defend us, to assure us that when we board a plane and when we are at 35,000 feet, at 500 miles per hour, we will be there safe. We will be secure. There is nothing more important than the structural integrity of that plane when you are at 35,000 feet, moving at 500 miles per hour.

I rise in the name of justice for the TSA workers, Mr. Speaker, and I rise in the name of justice for the TSA workers for many reasons, a multiplicity of reasons. Today, I have to focus on just a couple: One, as I made my way through the airport in Houston, Texas, when we were having the shutdown, as it were, and I made my way to my gate, my destination was Washington, D.C. As I did this, one of the TSA workers approached me, and her words to me were words that penetrated really to my heart. She said: "Help us, help us."

I want her to know I have not forgotten her. I have not forgotten the TSA workers. I have shown my solidarity with the TSA workers by withholding payment to me until they get payment for themselves. I actually asked the payroll department here in the Congress to withhold my pay. I want to be in solidarity with them because this is an injustice being perpetrated upon them, and I want them to know that I stand with them.

As I said, there are many others who are suffering similar injustice, but I want to focus on them today because of a commitment that I made to this worker. I told her I wouldn't forget them, and I want to help them.

So above and beyond what we will ultimately do at some point—and I am not sure who knows when—but at some point, we will restore the proper pay to them at the proper time. However, that will not eradicate the injustice that has been perpetrated upon them and that is being perpetuated even as I speak now.

I rise today to say that I have examined the salaries of the TSA workers. In so doing, I have concluded that not

only should they get their salaries restored and paid at the proper times, but they should also get a raise. The TSA workers deserve a raise.

I have a chart with me. Many of you are familiar with my cane. I have a chart with me, and I use my cane as a pointer. This chart will validate what I say about the TSA workers being underpaid. They do a tremendous job. They protect us. They cannot make a mistake. They have to be right 100 percent of the time. That one time that they miscue can cause someone to be harmed or possibly a life to be lost at 35,000 feet, 500 miles per hour.

I have examined their salaries, and here is what I found: That the salary first year for a TSA worker is \$40,000. Well, I juxtaposed that salary to a firefighter in Houston, Texas: First year, \$59,000; Houston police officer, \$78,500. These salaries, as you can see, exceed what the TSA worker receives first year, first-year salaries.

I have gone on to show second-year salaries, ten-year salaries. I am proposing, pursuant to a bill that I have already filed, H.R. 8411. I shall read what it says under the title of the bill: "To increase the annual rate of basic pay for career employees of the Transportation Security Administration"—that is the TSA—"and for other purposes."

It goes on to say in section 2: "TSA employee pay increase." That is the style of the section. The language of it under (A) reads in general: "Beginning on the first day of the applicable pay period"—some things bear repeating. "Beginning on the first day of the applicable pay period, the annual rate of basic pay for each career employee shall be increased by 15 percent."

By the way, quite frankly, I would like to have it be more than 15 percent, but I am going to say 15 percent now because I have got to start someplace, and I am juxtaposing their salaries to the salaries of Houston firefighters and Houston police officers.

Now, let's take a look at the chart with the 15 percent increase in mind. First year again: TSA officer, \$40,000 now, 15 percent increase, the raise will take them to \$46,000 first year, \$6,000 pay increase. They earn every penny of it, and I would defend this anywhere, anytime, anyplace in the presence of anyone. They earn every penny.

Houston firefighters first year are at \$59,000, police \$78,500. Well, they will be at \$46,000. As I said, I think that it should be more; but I am juxtaposing, and I am going to use this as my starting point.

The second year, they will have \$56,000 from \$49,000. That is the increase, again to \$56,000, and the firefighters are at \$62,000.

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By the way, the firefighters earn their money. The police officers earn their money. This is not to say that they should not have what they have. It is to say that the TSA officers are

underpaid, that they have not been treated justly. They have not been treated fairly. We are talking about liberty and justice for all. Well, that has got to include these TSA officers.

The second year is \$56,000 with the raise from \$49,000. The firefighters are at \$62,000 approximately. All of these are approximations. The police officers are at \$80,000.

Again, I think the TSA officers merit more. This is a starting point.

I then take us out to 10 years. In 10 years for a TSA officer you have approximately \$72,500. With the raise it is \$83,000. That is the raise of 15 percent in each of these classes that I have called to your attention. The firefighter is at \$71,000, and the police officer is at \$103,000 to \$140,000. This is in Houston, Texas.

By the way, I think these police officers merit this pay. They earn this pay. I think the firefighters merit the pay. They earn the pay. I also think that the TSA officers earn the pay, and they deserve more pay.

I am here in the Congress of the United States of America. I have the ability to lobby on behalf of them, to speak on behalf of them, and to speak on behalf of we the people. I believe that we the people would want to see a 15 percent raise for the TSA officers who serve us with great distinction across the length and breadth of our country.

This bill has been filed. I filed this bill just recently on April 17. Again, it is H.R. 8411. It is a bill "To increase the annual rate of basic pay for career employees of the Transportation Security Agency, and for other purposes." And I will add now to increase that pay to 15 percent.

This is justice. This is what justice looks like.

We see what their work product looks like when we pass through the airports, and we understand now that when they are not properly paid and the airports are understaffed, we understand how that impacts us personally. We see what justice looks like. We see what the injustice perpetrated upon them looks like. And we see how that injustice has also been filtered down or filtered to—I don't know whether it is up or down, but one way or another—the flying public because the flying public then finds themselves missing planes. Planes are delayed.

We need to do more. Let's have them back to work with the pay that they are receiving currently, and let's have them get it timely, but let's also do this: Let's give them a 15 percent raise.

This is where I stand. This is where I stand, and I stand on these words. The person who is to be quoted is not known to me, so I cannot give proper attribution, but I can tell you they are not my words. These words are important, and I think they speak well of what we must do.

Some measure their lives by days and years. Others by heartthrobs, passion, and tears. But the surest measure under